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JAPAN'S TEN PEACE IDEAS

Tokyo, To-day.

JAPAN'S PEACE OFFENSIVE in the Far East, seeking to provide an opportunity for calling off the China "Incident," is being intensified.

The "new order in East Asia," is not forgotten. Declaring that Japan's basic policy for settlement seeks to realise the "new order," by means of both construction as war, the "Asahi Shimbun" says it understands Japan's attitude and policy towards the Wang Ching-wei regime as follows:

24-HOUR-DAY SESSIONS LISTENING-IN

London, To-day.

The work of the B.B.C. in recording what the leading foreign wireless stations are saying in their news and propaganda was described yesterday by the B.B.C. Controller of Public Relations and the Director of Radio and Communications of the Ministry of Information.

For 24 hours a day, 40 expert linguists, called "monitors," work in 8-hour shifts, listening in to foreign wireless programmes.

They note down what they hear and these notes are made into summaries which are sent to 25 Government agencies, including every department closely connected with the prosecution of the war.

About 250,000 words are dealt with in this way every 24 hours.

In addition, all foreign broadcast speeches are recovered word for word mechanically.—*Reuter.*

MARTIAL LAW ORDER

Amsterdam, To-day.

Orders have now been issued, proclaiming martial law along frontier zones of strategic importance. This is the most drastic of a series of steps taken recently in the strengthening of the country's defences.

SWEDEN DISCUSSES THREAT TO FINLAND

Stockholm, To-day.

The Foreign Affairs Committee of the Swedish Parliament met yesterday to discuss the Baltic situation.—*Reuter.*

WEATHER FORECAST:—North Sea and East winds, moderate, cloudy.

Firstly, the Japanese Government will give unqualified support to Wang Ching-wei's preparations to establish a new Central Government in China and anticipates its early birth.

Secondly, Japan anticipates a smooth autonomous development of an independent and free China from the standpoint of Japan's respect for China's sovereignty.

Thirdly, Japan is especially concerned with the political composition of the projected regime. Japan especially desires that the special nature of North China and Inner Mongolia shall factually be realised.

Fourthly, when the new government is established Japan is prepared to give immediate de facto recognition and to despatch an accredited ambassador and plenipotentiary.

Fifthly, Japan will then seek the adjustment and coordination of general Sino-Japanese relations in the spheres of politics, economics and culture.

Sixthly, as regards domestic politics, culture and education, etc., the Japanese Government desires the new government to pursue its own independent policy, but "the Japanese Government will spare no assistance or cooperation in the case of necessity."

ADVISERS

Seventhly, from this standpoint, the Japanese Government will absolutely avoid any form of assistance causing an impression that Japan is interfering in Chinese domestic politics, such as the despatch of political advisers.

Eighthly, Japan, however, is ready to send a financial adviser to China, provided the Central Government desires it.

Ninthly, in the fields of natural science and civil engineering, if requested, Japan is ready to extend assistance in technique and personnel.

ECONOMIC UNITY

Tenthly, as regards Sino-Japanese economic cooperation, in order to realise economic unity between Japan, Manchukuo and China more intimately, a Sino-Japanese Economic Council, similar to the one now functioning between Japan and the North China Provisional Government is being planned as a joint Sino-Japanese organ so that reciprocal and equal economic cooperation may be effected.—*Reuter.*

GERMAN ORDER TO CENSORS

Rome, To-day.

New regulations have been promulgated in Germany requiring German censors to ban all newspaper articles against Communism and atheism, even in religious journals.

This has attracted the special attention of the Vatican, which broadcast details of this new order through its own powerful radio transmitter to the world.—*Reuter.*

THE 'PURGE' IN ITALIAN CABINET

Rome, To-day.

The changes in the Italian Cabinet are explained by Signor Gayda in the semi-official "Giornale d'Italia."

Only one man, Mussolini, commands in Italy, he writes, and therefore Italian foreign and domestic policy is not changed. Italy is still anti-Com-

GLASGOW SHIP MYSTERY

London, To-day.

Mystery attaches to the fate of the Glasgow steamer *Coulmore*, of 3,600 tons, which sent out calls yesterday from a position about 100 miles north of Bermuda.

The call was picked up by Mackay Radio and other stations in the United States, and a second call from the steamer made reference to the presence of a submarine.

Coastguard vessels and other ships were ordered to the position given by the *Coulmore*, but they found neither ship nor survivors.

The search is continuing, however.—*Reuter.*

VICEROY'S TETE-A-TETE

New Delhi, To-day.

The first meeting between Lord Linlithgow, the Viceroy, and the Congress leaders, Mahatma Gandhi and Mr. Prasad, took place yesterday.

The talks were of a general nature and will be continued to-day (Thursday).—*Reuter.*



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GOVERNMENT ASKED TO ESCHEW "BARGAINS"

London, To-day.

REPLYING TO A QUESTION in the House of Com-
mons asking for assurance that no agreement
with Allied powers or others which might ham-
per a just settlement at the end of the war would
be made, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for
Foreign Affairs, said that it was not the Govern-
ment intention to take any step which might pre-
vent satisfaction being reached at the end of
the war.

The Iraqi Government, he also said, had given for-
mal assurances that the Mufti of Jerusalem, at
present sheltering in Iraq, would not be permit-
ted to engage in political activity or to be a cause
of agitation.

Concerning China, he said that the
position remained unchanged. There
had been no appreciable relaxation in
anti-British agitation, but reports had
just arrived stating that orders had
been given for it to cease.

Further representations had been
addressed to the Japanese Gov-
ernment by the British Ambassa-
dor in Tokyo. There were no
important changes in Tientsin to
report.

There had been some deterioration
in the situation in Western Shanghai,
where in two actions plain-clothes
gunmen had opened fire on the
S.M.P., killing two Chinese police of-
ficers. Representations had been
made to the Japanese Government, and
the U.S. authorities had taken parallel
action.—Reuter.

WANG CHING-WEI IN "IDZUMO"

Shanghai, To-day.

Wang Ching-wei conferred with Ja-

TROUBLE IN SHANGHAI

London, To-day.

Mr. R. A. Butler, the Under Sec-
retary for Foreign Affairs told a ques-
tioner in the House of Commons that
there had been some deterioration in
the situation in the Western Area of
Shanghai.

Sir Robert Craigie, the Ambassador
to Tokyo, was pressing the Japanese
Government for the enclaves between
extra-Settlement roads to be cleaned
up. It is understood that the Amer-
ican Ambassador has taken parallel
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GERMAN ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE VILLAGE

Paris, To-day.

LAST NIGHT'S FRENCH communique stated that in the course of the day there was the usual activity of small infantry units on both sides at various points on the front.

The German communique speaks of local artillery fire and reconnaissances and isolated attacks.

It is now revealed that when the French drove back the determined German attempt to capture a village in the northern sector, they took six prisoners.

French planes have made further reconnaissance flights and all returned safely.

The Duke of Gloucester and Lord Gort visited artillery units in the front line yesterday. — Reuter.

GERMAN HEAVY GUNS NOW IN ACTION

Paris, To-day.

German heavy guns in the Siegfried Line are now in action for the first time, bombarding French fortifications and lines of communication.

It is reported that shells are reaching villages some miles behind the French front lines.

Paris military sources now reveal that French troops pushed back a Nazi attack consisting of 1,000 men who tried to capture a village in the northern sector. — Reuter.

SMALL UNITS

Paris, To-day.

A communique states: In the course of yesterday there was the usual activity by small infantry units on both sides at various points of the front. — Reuter.

CHEAPER EMPIRE AIR RATES URGED

London, To-day.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Information asked whether he would consider the advisability of recommending cheaper Empire air mail rates, said that he appreciated the importance of the despatch of correspondence and British newspapers overseas which the Postmaster-General in consultation with the Secretary of State for air had under constant review.

Mr. Noel Baker (Opposition Labour): "This is a most urgent matter."

The Parliamentary Secretary replied that this was realised but the real difficulty which arises is that of weight and space. — Reuter.

PRELUDE TO THE HITLER WAR

London, To-day.

The British Government has given permission to an American firm to reprint Sir Neville Henderson's report for publication in the United States. — Reuter.

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CAPTURE OF CITY OF FLINT BY DEUTSCHLAND: RADIO OPERATOR'S STORY

London, To-day.

IN A BROADCAST from Daventry yesterday, the American wireless operator of the City of Flint told the story of the ship's capture by the German warship Deutschland. The operator escaped at Tromsø, and was the only member of the City of Flint's crew to do so.

The City of Flint, he said, left New York on October 3, bound for various British ports. She was due in Manchester on October 16.

At about 4 p.m. on October 9, the ship was sailing north-eastwards on a steady course at about 10 knots. When the Deutschland was first sighted, those on board took her for either an Allied or an American warship.

She came up very quickly, with all guns trained on the City of Flint, and signalled her by flags to stop. The City of Flint was ordered not to use her wireless and when the Deutschland was about a quarter of a mile away she broke the German ensign.

A boarding party came alongside in an open boat and examined the ship's papers.

Those on board the City of Flint thought that they would be sent back to America, but the Germans said they were sorry but they would have to take them all to Germany.

PRIZE CREW

An armed guard, consisting of 18 men—including a reserve officer, a warrant officer, two radio operators, a signal rating, a petty officer, and other ratings—was put on board. Their "armament" consisted of a machine-gun, hand grenades, revolvers and bayonets.

They said that if the City of Flint's crew gave any trouble, a hand-grenade would be thrown among them. One hand grenade was dropped in the sea to give the men an idea of the explosion!

All this took about an hour and a half. Most of the German sailors spoke a little English, while the officer spoke it fluently. They were mostly very young men and wore hobnailed boots, while their hat ribbons were from all sorts of ships, including the Emden.

SPANISH WATERS!

They said that the Deutschland was overcrowded because they had several prize crews on board. They came from Spanish waters, where they had been before the war started. They also spoke of having seen the U.S. coast-guard cutters hurrying to escort the American ship Iroquois.

They wondered why the British steamer Stonegate, sunk recently, left the convoy, where she would have been quite safe. They seemed to know all about the convoy.

Armed guards were placed on the engine-room, bridge and radio-room. Not a single message was sent on the radio all the way to Norway.

ZIG-ZAG COURSE

They also brought 39 men from the Stonegate, including one passenger, with them. The Stonegate men said that they had been very well-treated. The food was plain, except on Sunday, which was a big day, because they had strawberries.

The Deutschland, they said, had been sailing a zig-zag course before she stopped the City of Flint.

Under the German officers, several members of Flint headed for the extreme north of the Norwegian coast, while the Deutschland made an in the other direction. The Germans seemed quite confident that if they reached Norway they would be able to get down to Germany safely.

They reached the Norwegian coast safely, but at first did not know where they were, taking soundings until morning. They then picked up a Norwegian pilot and went down the coast a little way to Tromsø.

SHOCK FOR PILOT

The Norwegian pilot did not realise that a German prize-crew was on board the City of Flint until he came on board. He then nearly fell back into the water with astonishment!

They reached Tromsø safely, and there the American and German Consuls came on board.

This concluded the radio operator's talk from Daventry; he did not reveal the details of his escape from the City of Flint and her Nazi prize crew.—Reuter.

FINLAND AND SOVIET DEMANDS

Helsinki, To-day.

"It is impossible for Finland to consent to any arrangement which would remove her independence and chances of self-defence," declared M. Erkkö, the Foreign Minister, in a speech last night.

He added that Finland cannot see any danger of Russia's security being threatened from the Finnish State or territory.

"Should a third power attempt to use Finland as a base for attack on the Soviet, we should resist such an attempt with our full force."

Finland had declared her willingness to assist Russia to strengthen the Leningrad and Finnish defences.

The Treaty of Dorpat (establishing Finland's independence) and the Russo-Finnish non-aggression pact, provided the basis for all possible negotiations.—Reuter.

CLOSING FORTH BRIDGE DURING RAIDS

London, To-day.

Special instructions to prevent trains from going on the Forth Bridge when air-raid warnings were sounded near that area have now been issued, the Minister of Transport announced yesterday.—Reuter.

MR. CHURCHILL AND THE POCKET BATTLESHIPS

London, To-day.

Mr. WINSTON CHURCHILL, First Lord of the Admiralty, said in the House of Commons yesterday that it was reported that two Nazi warships of the "Deutschland" type were now operating in the Atlantic, one in the north and the other in the south.

So far, the evidence was conflicting, but it might be assumed as certain that one warship of the "Deutschland" type had been active.

They had reports from prisoners who had been on the Deutschland enough to have an opportunity of making sure of her identity. They were sailors whose ship had been sunk.

Asked when he would be able to announce that the German warships had been sunk, Mr. Churchill said that he did not think he ought to make any forecast of that kind. He hoped to make a further statement on naval operations next week.

Asked what was being done to prevent Nazi submarines from refuelling and sheltering in the bays along the coast of Eire, Mr. Churchill said that the Government of Eire was responsible for that.

On the high seas, the Royal Navy was taking such measures as were open to it. It was doing its best.

FISHING INDUSTRY

Concerning the fishing industry, he said that a Standing Committee had been formed to advise the Ministry in this connection. A number of fishing vessels taken over when war broke out had been returned and the question of purchasing more trawlers was being actively pursued.—Reuter.

W. UKRAINE TAKEN INTO THE SOVIET

Moscow, To-day.

Polish territory in the Western Ukraine was formally incorporated into the Soviet Union yesterday, the ceremony taking place before the Supreme Soviet in the old throne room of the Czars.

The formal request was made by the leader of the Western Ukraine delegation. He spoke in his native language and when he came on the rostrum with MM. Stalin and Molotov was given a tremendous ovation. Soviet Russia promises all Poles and Jews in the Western Ukraine full freedom under the banner of the Communist Party.—Reuter.

ONE NOT FOUR

Paris, To-day.
The German claim to have brought down four Allied aeroplanes is officially denied.
All French planes returned though one British machine was missing on the day in question.—Reuter.

EDUCATING CHILDREN IN WARTIME.

London, To-day.

Lord de la Warr, President of the Board of Education, in the Lords, referred to the fact that more than half the school children who, if parents had taken advantage of the Government's voluntary scheme for evacuating them to a reception area, could be at school in comparative safety, were in fact still in vulnerable areas and receiving little or no education.

He said there were two solutions, namely the compulsory removal of all remaining children out of vulnerable areas, a measure the Government would be unwilling to take in any but the most desperate circumstances, and secondly, some measure of re-opening schools in vulnerable areas, which was a course on which the Government had decided.

This decision must not be taken as an all clear signal for return to the evacuation areas.

The Government had been influenced solely by the fact that as a nation they could not afford to let 750,000 children grow up without education, school discipline or medical care.

DOUBLE SHIFT

The numbers would, however, have to be limited and many schools would be operating on a double shift basis.

The Government had nevertheless decided that as many schools as possible in the evacuation area should be opened for the education of children of parents who desired them to attend.—British Wireless.

"ARMED" ROBBERY

Pretending to be workmen, two robbers gained entrance to the ground floor of No. 1, Fuk Wing Street, Shamshuipo at 2.20 p.m. yesterday and robbed the inmates of some \$506 in money and jewellery.

The inmates, two amahs and the tenant Siu Mui-kwai, 33-year-old married woman, were bound and gagged by the men who menaced them with pistols which were later discovered to be toys.

TROUBLE AT STATION

A European woman, Mrs. Vera Roach, of 8 Granville Road, failed to appear before Mr. E. Himsforth this morning on a charge of disorderly conduct and had her bail of \$25 estreated.

Mrs. Roach was charged with disorderly conduct in the Water Police charge-room at 4.35 yesterday afternoon by shouting and using insulting language to European police officers.

PRECAUTIONS BY SWISS AND HOLLAND

The Hague, To-day.

A STATE OF SIEGE is to be proclaimed shortly in some districts in Holland which will place executive powers entirely in the hands of the military authorities.

The measure, which was announced by the Prime Minister in the Lower Chamber and which applies to certain frontier and "inundation" territories, is to be introduced in view of Holland's defence programme.

It is recalled that similar action was taken in 1914/18.

It is not intended to place any further restrictions on the Press.

It is unofficially reported that the Dutch have already released a quantity of water in the areas to be flooded in the event of an attack.—Reuter.

TWO SWISS DECREES

Berne, To-day.

The possibility of the occupation of part of Swiss territory by an invader is taken into account in two decrees just promulgated.

The first informs the population of their rights and obligations in such an event and the second deals with the juridical aspect of the transfer of industrial and commercial undertakings situated near the frontier.

The decrees, without being alarming, are nevertheless regarded as significant.—Reuter.

LIVERPOOL STEAMER TORPEDOED

London, To-day.

The Liverpool steamer Bronte, 5,000 tons, was sunk by a U-boat in the Atlantic a few days ago, it was announced yesterday.

All the crew of 40 and the one passenger were picked up and landed at a British port.

Owned by Lamport and Holt, the steamer actually floated for some time after being torpedoed, but she sank when another ship attempted to take her in tow.

The attack occurred some days ago and the Bronte remained afloat for some considerable time.

The sole passenger was a 71-year-old inventor.—Reuter.

*** The Bronte, of 5,314 tons gross, is actually owned by the Liverpool, Brazil and River Plate S. N. Company, Lamport and Holt being the general managers. Built in 1919 at Dumbarton, she was 400 feet long, with a breadth of 52 feet and a depth of 28 feet.

T.U.C. AND SUPPLY

London, To-day.

After consultation with the Prime Minister and with the full concurrence of the Ministers concerned, the Trades Union Congress has appointed a Committee to be an Advisory Committee to the Minister of Supply and to the Air Ministry.—British Wireless.

Moscow, To-day.

The Finnish delegation is expected to arrive here to-day.—Reuter.

R.A.F. TRAINING FOR BIG ATTACK

London, To-day.

Bronzed pilots and crews from Britain and the Dominions are daily carrying out attacks on their own aerodromes in France, says Reuter's special correspondent with the R.A.F. in France.

They are keeping in training for the destruction, when ordered, of Nazi aerodromes, in anticipation of which an extensive and highly successful reconnaissance was carried out over aerodromes in northern Germany this week.

"I witnessed to-day a lowflying bombing attack by aircraft of one squadron, whose motto, 'We sweep the enemy from the skies,' is symbolised by a broom hung outside the operations tent.

"It took them only 13 seconds to reach the objectives, representing a machinegun post, a bomb dump and a line of grounded planes, while momentarily varying height and direction in order to avoid imaginary enemy machinegun fire."—Reuter.

R.A.F. FLIGHTS IN GERMANY

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry announces: "During the past 24 hours Royal Air Force aircraft have carried out successful reconnaissances over north-western Germany, in the course of which photographs were taken. All our aircraft returned safely."—British Wireless.

RECALL OF ENVOY DEMANDED

Washington, To-day.

There was heated discussion in the House of Representatives following the demand by Mr. McCormick during the debate on the Neutrality Bill that the Ambassador to Moscow should be recalled owing to M. Molotov's criticisms of President Roosevelt.

The Republican, Mr. Hamilton Fish, described the demand as "the most warlike speech since we declared war in 1917."

Mr. McCormack replied that, as Americans, they should put their country in the position of not helping anti-God forces but helping those standing for Christianity and democracy.

Main theme of the opponents of the repeal of the arms embargo was that retention might help to end the war in Europe, whereas repeal, in the words of the Republican, Mr. Barton, might be the signal to "start a real war—the stupidest most cock-eyed war in history."—Reuter.

OFF THE RECORD

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GALLANT RESCUE BY TRAWLERS

London, To-day.

It was yesterday stated that certain German airmen, shot down into the sea during the attack on the convoy on October 21, were rescued in consequence of the excellent work of three British trawlers.

One of the crew of one trawler endeavoured to swim to the sinking plane with a life line but was unable to do so because of the strong tide.—British Wireless.

VAIN U.S. REQUESTS FOR DETAILS

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT IS STILL "WITHOUT INFORMATION" ABOUT THE CITY OF FLINT'S CREW.

The U.S. Embassy in Berlin has been asking for information three times a day, but so far has got no satisfaction.

PASSING LOFOTEN ISLES

Oslo, To-day.

The City of Flint is now passing the Lofoten Islands, about one-third of the way down the Norwegian coast. It is steaming along slowly in Norwegian waters and hopes to reach a German port.—Reuter.

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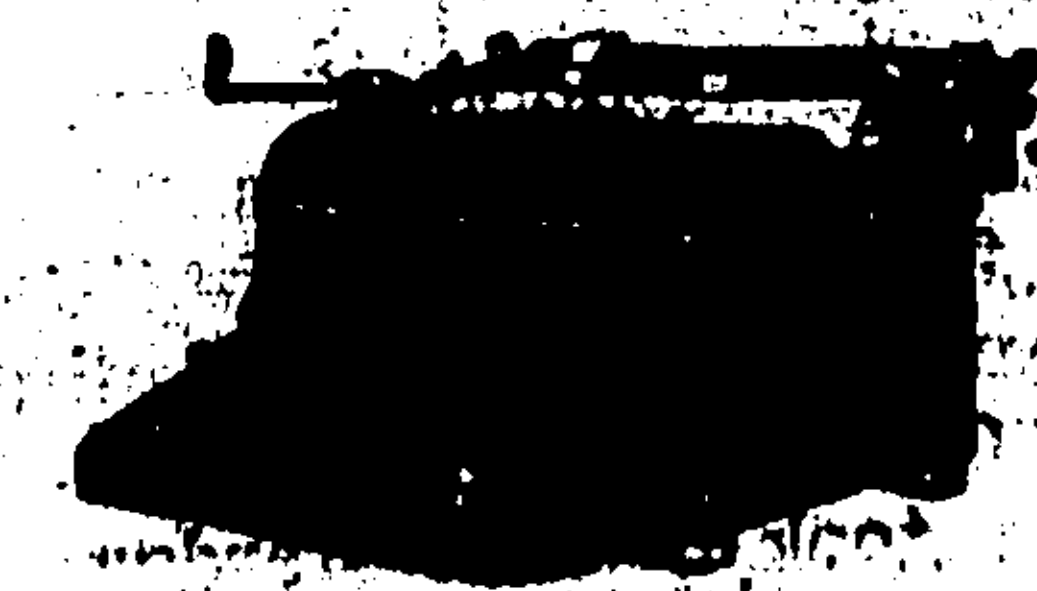
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Sydney, To-day.

IN ADDITION TO THE expansion of Australian naval construction, the Commonwealth Government has offered to arrange for construction, on behalf of the British Government, if desired.

The Premier, Mr. R. G. Menzies, announced that speedy and powerful merchant-ships would be chartered and armed heavily enough to deal with enemy merchant-men and destroyers.

Some of these would be for the Australian Navy and the others for the British Admiralty.

Defensive guns were to be mounted on 60 merchantmen. The personnel of the Australian Navy now numbered 10,000.

Mr. Menzies also announced that a second Australian Imperial Force of 20,000 men, which the Government had decided to raise, would be sent abroad when trained, unless circumstances rendered it impracticable.

In addition to a total order for 100 Lockheed planes from America, Australia would shortly produce six Wirraway planes a week. They had also ordered for training purposes, 50 Moth Minor machines, 100 privately-owned aircraft, 350 Tiger Moth airframes and 500 Gypsy Moth engines.

The munitions expansion programme included the acceleration of the building of a Bren gun factory.—*Reuter.*

MR. CASEY MAKES STATEMENT

LONDON, TO-DAY.

FOLLOWING MR. MENZIES' ANNOUNCEMENT IN SYDNEY CONCERNING AUSTRALIA'S WAR EFFORT, MR. R. G. CASEY, THE AUSTRALIAN MINISTER OF SUPPLY AND DEVELOPMENT (IN LONDON FOR THE DOMINION TALKS) MADE A STATEMENT YESTERDAY.

He said that as soon as the war began, Australia more than redoubled her efforts. Australia was anxious to render the greatest assistance possible to the Empire cause.

In his announcement, Mr. Menzies said that, if the new Neutrality Bill was passed, Australia would buy 50 planes from America. Furthermore, a number of merchantships had been chartered and armed, for use with the Australian Navy and for the British Admiralty. Three destroyers would be built instead of two, and four more munition factories would be established.—*Reuter.*

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE OPENS

London, To-day.

Reuter understands that the first serious meeting between the British and Dominion Government representatives took place yesterday.

The Dominion delegates were entertained to luncheon by the British Government, after which they went to No. 10 Downing Street, where Mr. Chamberlain presided over the meeting.

Mr. Chamberlain was accompanied by the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, and the Dominions Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, while the Dominion representatives were accompanied by their High Commissioners.—*Reuter.*

NAZI BRUTALITY

MURDERS ON RAIL JOURNEY

London, To-day.

There is more confirmation of the Government's White Paper on Nazi brutality in a letter to "The Times" from the legal tribunals which have been considering in Kent the cases of 3,600 aliens.

All are Jews or of Jewish blood. The letter states that in a rail journey to a concentration camp, three men in one waggon were shot and their bodies thrown from the train when they complained of the heat.

The tribunals are satisfied that at least seven men were murdered on the way.

TERROR TREATMENT

In winter, on the other hand, the whole camp was forced to stand for one night and part of the next day in night attire in the open air. Many men died.

On arrival in the camp, young and old were beaten with sticks or prodded with bayonets by Black Guards. There were stories of old men who fell down and were kicked.—*Reuter.*

COLD-BLOODED NAZI INHUMANITY

London, To-day.

The Labour Party's official view on the White Paper is that it shows that cold-blooded inhumanity is the deliberate policy of the Nazi leaders towards those whose only "crime" is their political or religious beliefs, or their race.

The White Paper was not war propaganda.

The German people must surely end this tyranny sooner or later.—*Reuter.*

NAZIS TRY LEAFLET RAIDING

Brussels, To-day.

French anti-aircraft batteries gave a very warm welcome to German aeroplanes making a leaflet raid, states the Luxembourg correspondent of "Libre Belgique."

He adds that the machines were forced to climb so high that the tracts, urging the French not to pull chestnuts out of the fire for others, fluttered wide of the mark and fell in Luxembourg.—*Reuter.*



Mr. Eden at the microphone when he spoke on "The Empire's Answer." (Copyright, Fox).

SITUATION IN CHINA

PRIME MINISTER ASKED TO MAKE STATEMENT

London, To-day.

AN INVITATION, during question time, addressed to the Premier to make a statement on the situation in China, brought an answer from the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, who declared that the situation remains unchanged.

There had been fighting in Hunan and North Kiangsi. Both sides appear to hold the same lines as before the recent Japanese offensive.

He was glad to say that an agreement was reached on October 17 between the Kulangsu Municipal Council and the Japanese Consul-general providing for additional Japanese police officers.

The United States and Japanese landing parties were withdrawn the following day.

There was no appreciable relaxation of anti-British agitation in North China although press reports received yesterday stated that orders had been given to ease agitation.

Further representations were recently addressed to the Japanese Government by the British Ambassador to Tokyo, Sir Robert Craigie.—*Reuter.*

CANADA'S GIGANTIC EFFORT

Ottawa, To-day.

In a broadcast on Canada's war effort, Mr. Mackenzie King, the Prime Minister, said that the air training scheme was the Dominion's most important military development. It might well be that the final victory would be shaped on Canadian soil.

Canada was also sending men over for front line action. Canada's own army, navy and air force were protecting her shores, and Canadian warships were taking part in the Atlantic convoy system; so far, no ships leaving Canada under convoy had been lost.

Canada's most important part in the war might be her economic contribution. Besides being the traditional granary, she also might be Britain's arsenal.

Thanks to preparations before the war, Canada's industrial and agricultural resources were easily mobilised. The crucial moment found her ready.—*Reuter.*

TAIKOO CLOSING DAY

The closing day and presentation of prizes of the lawn bowls section of Taikoo Club will be held on Saturday at 2.45 p.m.

SINKIANG RUMOURS DISPELLED

Chungking, To-day.

Rumours of trouble in Sinkiang (Chinese Turkestan) are automatically dispelled, Chinese circles here claim, by receipt of a lengthy joint telegram from General Sheng Shih-tsai, pacification commissioner of Sinkiang, and Li Yan, governor of Sinkiang, congratulating General Chiang Kai-shek and General Chen Cheng and General Hsueh Yo for the Chinese victory at Changsha recently.

In the message the Sinkiang leaders pledged loyalty to the Chinese Government, and gave an assurance that they would do everything in their power to contribute their resources and aid the war of resistance against Japan.—*Reuter.*

SOVIET A NAZI DISAPPOINTMENT

London, To-day.

Military circles in London emphasise the significance of the absence in M. Molotov's speech of any promise of military assistance to Germany.

M. Molotov's reiteration that Russia will remain neutral towards the Allies but claiming a free hand in foreign policy suggests Russian refusal to be tied to German ambitions probably because of the settled policy of assisting China. —
Reuter.

TURKISH CO-OPERATION FOR A HIGH IDEAL: STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT

Ankara, To-day.

PRESIDENT INEUNU, opening the National Assembly, declared that the Anglo-Turkish Pact was directed against no other party, its purpose was to assure Turkey's security, at the same time serving peace and international security at least in the zone where Turkey's influence could be exercised.

It followed Turkey's aim of opposing themselves to the extension of the tragedy of war by creating a region of security in Europe, struggling in the horrors of war.

The Pact only comes into effect if some State seeks to trample on our lawful aspirations and, apart from this eventuality, our bonds with the Allies and our co-operation for the high ideal which we proclaimed together, are not of a character to disturb our normal friendly relations with other States.

We sincerely desire to keep the country outside the war zone, providing that our security is not compromised, nor undertakings violated.

MOSCOW TALKS

The President did not allude to M. Molotov's speech but referring to M. Sarajoglu's visit to Moscow said that while he had failed to achieve the agreement aimed at, the friendship linking the two countries rested on a solid basis and circumstances and obstacles, arising from temporary necessities at the present time, must not be allowed to impair their friendship.

"As hitherto, friends who are faithful to us, may expect nothing but straightforwardness and goodwill from us."—Reuter.

EX-MUFTI CONTROLLED

London, To-day.

In reply to a question in the Commons, the Foreign Under-Secretary stated that the Iraqi Government had been informed of the attitude of H.M. Government to the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem and the Iraqi Government had given assurances that the ex-Mufti would not be allowed to be politically active himself, or allow his presence to be used as an occasion for agitation by others. — British Wire-
less.

CHINESE FASHIONS IN 300 YEARS

A General Meeting of the Hong Kong Branch of the Sino-British Cultural Association will be held at the Fung Ping Shan Chinese Library, University of Hong Kong, on Friday, November 10, at 5.30 p.m. when Professor Hsu Ti Shan, M.A., B.Litt. (Oxford), B.D., will deliver a lecture on "Chinese Women's costumes during the Last Three Hundred Years." The lecture will be illustrated.

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Cheques should be made payable to Thomson and Co. and crossed Poppy Day Fund.

IRAQ AND PACT WITH TURKEY

Baghdad, To-day.

At the opening of Parliament yesterday the Regent expressed cordial approval of the Anglo-Franco-Turkish Pact, "which enables this part of the world to regard the future with confidence."—Reuter.

WOOD OIL THEFT

Chao Shu, godown keeper, of No. 360, Des Voeux Road West, has reported that wood oil to the value of \$500 was stolen from his godown No. 14, Sai On Lane, early yesterday morning.

SOVIET TIMING OF ATTACKS

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt's secretary, in a statement yesterday, questioned whether it was purely coincidental that M. Molotov criticised the President at a time when an important vote was scheduled in Washington on the neutrality legislation.

He added: "I think personally that the decision to speak and give the first revelations on the points being discussed between Finland and the Soviet, whether by coincidence or not, seems worth considering as a question of timing."—Reuter.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONVOY SYSTEM

London, To-day.

THE extent of the development of the convoy system is illustrated in the fact that nearly 2,500 Allied merchant vessels have already been convoyed.

The efficacy of the system is proved by the reduction of merchant ship losses since the first week of the war and the fact that to date only eight ships in convoy, or one in 200 have been lost. Three of these losses were on the same convoy.

The efficiency of the convoy system does not argue any shortage of escorting vessels. A large force of these have already enormously increased since the outbreak of war.

The most efficacious method of the defence of maritime trade remains the destruction of attacking enemy forces.

The British anti-submarine force is considerable in strength and efficiency which has been proved not only by the heavy submarine losses incurred by Germany but also by the fact that German submarines have been forced to cruise increasingly far away from the focal areas of trade.

The numbers inflicting serious damage are thus greatly reduced.

NAZI CLAIMS

The statement by the German High Command that the campaign against British merchant shipping is proceeding "according to plan" is not borne out by the facts that two months' sinkings amount to less than one per cent. of British shipping coming to and from our ports and thus the loss is almost entirely counter-balanced by new construction and by German merchant-men captured when compelled to leave the neutral ports where they were sheltering, owing to lack of money to pay harbour dues. — Reuter.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

U.S. WARNING

Relations between Japan and the United States have been in the lime-light for quite a long time, and especially so since the action of the State Department in Washington in denouncing the Japanese-American Treaty of Commerce and Navigation of July 28.

Denunciation of that Treaty was widely and correctly construed as a warning to Dai Nippon that the United States no longer intended to tolerate passively the injuries to American rights and interests in China which have become a distinctive feature of the "New Order in East Asia."

On October 20, the American Ambassador in Tokyo, Mr. Joseph C. Crew, took occasion to underline that warning in the course of an address before 700 Japanese notables in the Japanese capital. Because of its frank outspokenness, so unusual in the accepted language of diplomacy, the address has been given great attention and deservedly so.

The Japanese were told, in effect, that the United States Government and the American people are far from satisfied with what Japan is doing in China and that Japan will have to mend her ways if she is to preserve friendly relations with the United States.

Whether Mr. Crew's speech will have the salutary effect that evidently was intended, is still a moot question. One thing is certain: Japan will no longer be able to conceal her predatory actions on the Asiatic mainland behind a smokescreen of diplomatic hypocrisy and evasiveness—and get away with it.—"China Weekly Review."

JAPAN AND SOVIET

The present is undoubtedly the best opportunity for both Japan and the Soviet to try to effect adjustment of their diplomatic relations to guarantee peace in this part of the world, now that their energies are being directed chiefly to Europe. What about that fisheries pact revision issue? What about that question of guaranteeing the security of Japanese rights and interests in North Saghalien? Again, what about that problem of deciding definitely the Soviet-Manchoukuo boundary lines?

It was reported a while ago that Ambassador Togo's negotiations with the Soviet authorities were steadily under way, but nothing has since been heard of as to those reported negotiations. We wonder what has really become of all this. It is hoped that the authorities concerned of the two nations will try as soon as possible to settle all important pending issues by way of acquiring true adjustment of Soviet-Japanese relations.

If possible, would it not be advisable at this opportunity for both Japan and Soviet Russia to clinch a bargain on the disposal of Soviet North Saghalien? Fundamental solution of this problem will doubtless prove instrumental in betterment of the existing Soviet-Japanese relations.—"Mikayo Shimbun."

ANOTHER CORRIDOR

In the light of Europe's desperate plight, brought about in a large measure by a neck of land that severed a province, it is interesting to note that there also is a Canadian "corridor" that sunders Alaska from the United States.

From every physical aspect this is very similar to the European case, yet how different, in an absolute contrast, are the relationships involved! Where the German-Polish frontier, bristled with armaments, the American-Canada-

dian boundary presents not a single sentry—not only along the imaginary line between the State of Washington and the Province of British Columbia, but along the entire 3,000-mile border.

Only a few days ago Canadian and American citizens once more united their efforts to build a highway, by joint enterprise, across the Canadian "corridor," joining the United States and Alaska.

That there will be a highway from the United States to Alaska is a premise accepted by the interested citizens of Washington and British Columbia. Which of two or more proposed routes will be chosen will not be a matter of political chicanery but of engineering feasibility; not a matter of national rights or pre-eminence but of the greatest good for the greatest number; not a matter of military advantage of one nation over the other, but of the advancement for peaceful progress of "two nations side by side." "Corridor" problems, it seems, can be solved peaceably.—"Christian Science Monitor."

INVASION OF ENGLAND?

If may be safely assumed, however, that the Reich will refrain from infringing the neutrality of Holland and Belgium until the last moment. When it happens it will be the result of counsels of desperation, for while few believe Herr Hitler's assurances that the neutrality of these two countries will be respected, the effect upon world opinion of any German attack upon them, is something which even Der Fuehrer cannot lightly ignore. That it would be possible to establish air bases in a conquered Holland closer to Britain is undeniable, but in this connection it must be remembered that such a step would not be without benefit to Britain, bringing centres in Germany, suitable targets for the attentions of British bombers, within a much shorter range. Destruction of the neutrality of either of those two countries would bring Britain just as close to Germany as Germany would be to Britain, and the roundabout routes which have at present to be followed by those aircraft which carry propaganda to the interior of Germany would no longer be necessary. It is to be assumed, however, that the Netherlands would resist any German attempt on their country.

CHINA'S AIM

"China's war of resistance against Japan will end with no military victory for either side; but when Japan recognises the futility of attempting to conquer China, then China will have scored a real victory." — General Chang Chun, Secretary General of the Supreme National Defence Council.

It is known that they are prepared to flood extensive tracts of the land as part of their defence scheme. Hence the suggestion that aeroplanes and war vessels would be used in an endeavour to turn the Netherlands' land defences. The whole scheme is a very grandiose one, even though it is merely a belated copy of the French Republic's original plan. It is not suggested that it is impossible of being carried out, but it is quite apparent that the initial obstacles to a German success in this direction are very great. With command of the sea and air there is no reason why an invasion of Great Britain by German armed forces could not be attempted with considerable prospect of success. But Germany has neither of those advantages yet, and may reasonably be expected never to acquire them. Were they to effect a landing they would find just as determined resistance as the British were prepared to offer Napoleon, and the difficulties of maintaining adequate communications across the seas would in all probability be the deciding factor in the fate of the invaders. In short, if Herr Hitler can succeed in carrying out so great a scheme, he will have completely out-classed Napoleon and that, as Euclid is reported to have stated, is absurd.—"N.C.D.N."

ONLY BACON AND BUTTER**PROBLEM OF FOOD RATIONING IN BRITAIN**

London, To-day.

THE MINISTER OF FOOD made a statement in the Commons yesterday on rationing.

He made clear that supplies of foodstuffs were so far satisfactory in the Government's judgment as not to require the introduction of rationing except in cases of butter and bacon.

Even in the cases of these commodities it was anticipated that supplies would increase later. Moreover, rationing of these two foods will not take effect until the middle of next month.

In view of the favourable development of the situation in respect of food supplies, the original rationing scheme which was prepared for introduction, if the need arose, on the outbreak of war, and covered a number of staple commodities, has had to be modified to suit the very limited and moderate instalment of rationing which is going to be applied.

STEPS DESIRABLE

Mr. W. S. Morrison told the Commons that the Government had decided it was desirable to take necessary steps to enable the rationing of individual consumers to be put into operation.

Instructions would accordingly be given for the issue of an appropriate ration book to every individual consumer.

There were, however, only two commodities, namely bacon and butter, which the Government considered it necessary to ration, and even in the case of these commodities it was not proposed to begin rationing before the middle of next month. The actual date would be announced later.

PERISHABLES

"Both commodities we propose to ration are perishable. Neither commodity was suitable for storage and consequently no Government reserve of either existed on the outbreak of hostilities.

Later on we expect supplies to increase but for the present imports from European sources have been reduced and there has not been sufficient time to fill the gap from more distant sources of supply.

The amount of ration of these commodities will depend on the supply position from time to time.

Provided imports continue at the present rate, as there is good reason for assuming they will, the ration for both bacon and butter will be four ounces per week for every individual consumer, that is, one pound of bacon and one pound of butter for a family of four persons."

SUGAR ENOUGH

The Food Minister reviewed the position of several other commodities.

In the case of sugar, supplies in sight, both home produced and imported, were sufficient for normal requirements.

His conclusion was that there was no need at present to impose rationing for any commodity other than bacon and butter.

The manufacture of margarine had been greatly increased since the outbreak of war. The quantity of cooking fats available was equal to normal.

In the case of meat, for which Britain was dependent upon imports for about one half of its requirements, adequate supplies should continue to be available.

DELAYS IN ARRIVALS

During the last few weeks there had been some reduction in the volume of imported supplies available in certain districts.

This had been due to additional allocations to the fighting services, coupled with inevitable delay in the arrival of meat ships while the conveying of merchant shipping was being organised.

Supplies in sight however for the future — home-produced and imported — were ample to meet all rea-

LEWIS CARROLL: 1939

"I feel for you," the Fuehrer said,
"I deeply sympathise."
With sobs and tears he sorted out
States of convenient size,
Holding his pocket handkerchief
Before his longing eyes.

"May we now live in unity?"
But answer came there none,
And this was hardly strange, be-
cause
He'd eaten everyone!

A.D.C. TO PLAY "THE CIRCLE"

The Hong Kong A.D.C. have now completed plans for production of Somerset Maugham's well-known play, "The Circle," at the China Fleet Club Theatre for four nights from February 21 to 24, 1940.

The production comes rather late in the season, the public having been accustomed to expect these popular shows before Christmas. But the Theatre has been used for other purposes, and will only become available towards the end of the year, so that the A.D.C.'s production programme has been unavoidably held up.

"The Circle," which has been described as Somerset Maugham's best play, is a light, drawing-room comedy based upon a most amusing central ideal, and displays to the best advantage all the author's gifts for bright characterisation, light cynicism and wit. An evening of really good entertainment is assured.

All the profits from the production are to be devoted to the British War Organisation Fund, and it is confidently expected that the public will extend its usual generous support. Production is in the hands of Mr. E. O'Neil Shaw, who has already produced this play in Bangkok, with great success.

ADVISORY COUNCIL IN SESSION

London, To-day.

The National Joint Advisory Council, whose function is to advise the Government on matters in which employers and workers have a common interest, held its first meeting yesterday.

The Minister of Labour was in the chair and there was a full attendance of representative members nominated by the British Employers Confederation and the Trades Union Congress General Council.

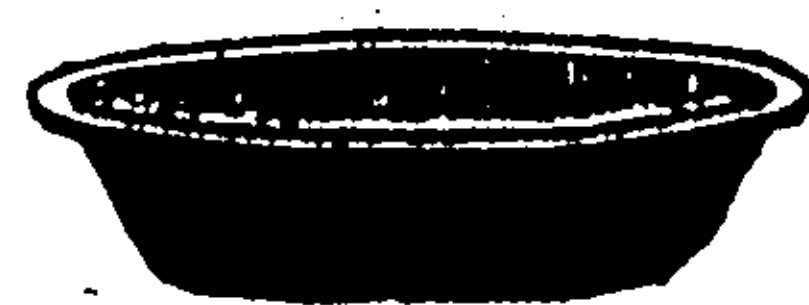
Amongst the subjects discussed were reserved occupations and the Control of Employment Act.—British Wireless.

sonable requirements both of the Services and of the civilian population.

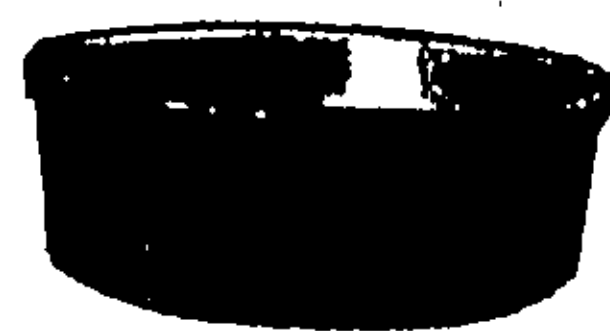
Meat rationing was therefore not considered necessary at present. — British Wireless.

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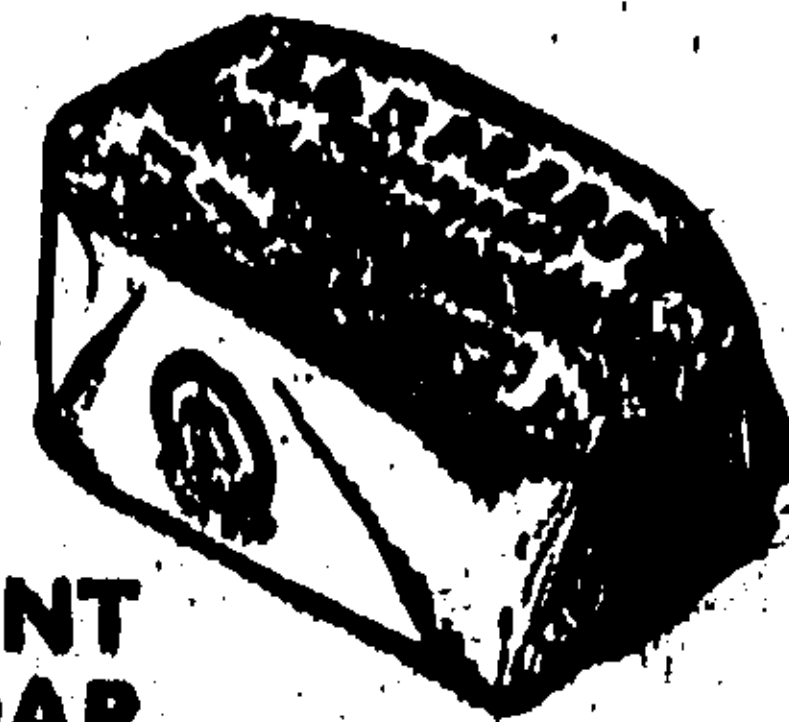
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SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES CONCERNED

London, To-day.

HERR HITLER is closely studying M. Molotov's speech, reports from Berlin state, and has had several conversations about it with his advisors. Reports of its reception in other countries must be a double cause of dissatisfaction to the Nazis. Holland and Sweden, for instance, object to Molotov's remarks about Finland and regard Germany as responsible for this. One Danish paper says that Russian behaviour in the Baltic and the new Soviet proposals to Finland are regarded as a new form of invasion.

Holland feels anxious, for success for the Soviet might prove to be a prelude for German demands for the use of Dutch islands in the war with Britain and France.

The influential Swedish newspaper "Tidningen" says that it is clearly out of the question for Finland to allow Soviet Russia any kind of concessions similar to those which China in her hour of weakness and now the Baltic states have been compelled to yield.

It would be a similar case if Sweden was to lease to a foreign power one of her southern naval bases or the district of Gothland.

CLEAR "NO"

One could expect to hear a clear Finnish "No". This is a cardinal point of Scandinavian policy of liberty and neutrality.

A Danish newspaper says that the speech justifies the anxiety of the whole of the neutral world if it becomes general for great powers to place "military colonies" in highly cultured and nationally conscious countries.—Reuter.

FRENCH CABINET MEETS

Paris, To-day.

M. Daladier gave the French Cabinet yesterday a detailed report on his visit to the front and on the international situation.

The Cabinet also discussed military questions, including pay and food allowances for wives and families.

Another meeting will be held on Friday morning. — Reuter.

FOUND LOITERING IN A GARDEN

Before Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, Lai Wah, 30, was charged with loitering in the garden of No. 543, Middle Gap Road, yesterday morning.

Defendant was seen inside the garden by Sergeant Reddish; he was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

BERLIN CONCLAVE

Moscow, To-day.

The German Ambassador is flying back to Berlin.

It is reported he will take part in the conference of German Ambassadors from all over Europe. — Reuter.

GERMANY'S AID FROM SOVIET

Moscow, To-day.

Germany does not entertain very large hopes of getting much raw materials, etc. from Soviet circles, informed circles in Moscow state.

Major factors are the inadequate transport system in Russia and the backwardness of Soviet industry, which is not even able to produce enough for home consumption.

These factors apply to oils, food-stuffs, fertilisers and raw materials.—Reuter.

NUFFIELD'S NEW POST

London, To-day.

Lord Nuffield has been appointed Director-General of Maintenance in the Air Ministry. He will supervise supply services to the R.A.F. and also the organization for the repair of aircraft and equipment.

He will be assisted by Mr. Oliver Bowden, as Deputy Director-General. Both will be without salary.—Reuter.

ANGLO-SOVIET TRADE DISCUSSIONS

London, To-day.

It is officially stated in London that the preliminary Anglo-Soviet trade discussions are to be continued. — Reuter.

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



SINKING OF NEW MATHILDE

CAPTAIN HOURS IN
WILD SEA BEFORE
RESCUE

HOW THE MASTER of the ship stuck to his vessel which was partly submerged and slowly sinking; how he risked his life in attempting to free life-boats which had been fouled; and how he was eventually washed overboard and swam for over three hours in a rough sea before being rescued, was related in the Marine Court of Inquiry this morning.

THE INQUIRY WAS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE SINKING OF THE S.S. NEW MATHILDE, WHICH WAS FOUNDERED ON THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 21 AT THE ENTRANCE OF KWONG CHOW WAN HARBOUR, TESTIMONY BEING HEARD BY THE HON. COMMANDER G. F. HOLE, HARBOUR MASTER, LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER K. W. KIRBY, OF H.M. DOCKYARD, CAPTAIN K. D. LANE, MASTER OF THE S.S. RABY CASTLE; CAPTAIN D. M. HOOD, MASTER OF THE S.S. HONG KHENG; AND CAPTAIN E. WALKER, MASTER OF THE S.S. HAITAN.

The first witness called was Captain Robert Wherry, master of the s.s. New Mathilde.

The interests of Captain Wherry were in the hands of Mr. D. L. Strellet.

In reply to Mr. Strellet, Captain Wherry, stated that the vessel was of 934 tons. She was 33 years old and was built at Kiel.

The present owners, the Shun Cheong Steamship Company, bought the ship in February last. The registered owner was Mr. Pang Kwok-shui.

In July 1938, the vessel underwent its tri-annual survey, and, being purchased by the present owner, it underwent extensive repairs and survey in February, March and April last. In September, it was in drydock again for bottom-cleaning and scraping. Since the vessel was purchased, it had been in drydock on three separate occasions.

The ship was placed on the Hong Kong-Kwong Chow Wan service and since February had made 21 return trips.

Captain Wherry said he joined the ship in April 1.

The company had a branch office at Fort Bayard and it was customary to anchor in the river opposite the office unless carrying dangerous goods.

CARGO LOADING

The ship arrived at Kwong Chow Wan on October 17 at 5 p.m. Discharge and loading of cargo was continuously carried out from the time of arrival until departure on October 21. General cargo was loaded in the lower forehead holds and lower aft holds and on deck. Livestock was located between decks, in proper stalls especially constructed for the purpose.

All tanks were filled prior to sailing, with the exception of No. 5, which was filled after the ship had sailed from harbour. This was checked. At the time of sailing, the bilge soundings showed five inches.

In reply to Commander Hole, Captain Wherry said that during each successive flood tide the ship would swing and touch the bank on the portside. When the flood tide rose, the vessel would swing free over the bank.

The ship was free at 4.30 a.m. on October 21, when she left Fort Bayard. The Chief Officer was on watch. At 6 a.m. general routine soundings were taken.

The tanks were filled and the bilge soundings were normal.

ROUGH WEATHER

Captain Wherry continued: "I stayed on the bridge until 8.15 a.m. At 8 a.m., the second watch, Lai Fui-kan, came to the bridge. I set the course and instructed him, when Tai Fong Island was sighted, to keep to the portside. I also instructed him that I should be called if the weather became worse or if anything unusual happened, otherwise to wake me up at noon.

"These instructions were given to the Chief Officer, to inform the second watch. I, however, returned later

and personally instructed the second watch in the presence of the Chief Officer.

"The wind was high, the sea rough and the wind was blowing east-north-east. After giving the orders, I stayed a few minutes on the bridge and then went to my cabin to sleep. During my stay on the bridge, everything was normal. I noticed there was about a 3½ degrees list on the portside, but this disappeared after filling the tanks.

"The ship was pitching and shaking but this was normal considering the weather.

AWAKENED

"At about 9.30 I was awakened by a shout: 'O, Captain, Captain, ship makee sinking,' and saw the com-pradore and carpenter. I went to the bridge and found that the ship had a list of between 12 and 15 degrees to the starboard side. I gave the helmsman the order, 'Hard aport' and ordered the carpenter to take soundings. We were out of sight of land.

"About 10 minutes after being awakened, I ordered the wireless operator to call for assistance and instructed the Chief Engineer to get all pumps on the bilges. He informed me that he had already done so, and suggested the starboard side be pumped. The list was increasing.

"At 9.50 a.m. a considerable number of the passengers and crew were gathered on the port side of the ship, but the list increased to about 25 degrees at 10 a.m.

"Later, the ship began slowly to lose its list, but started taking list on the port side. I then ordered the livestock to be thrown overboard, and the lifeboats to be cleared. I intended to beach the ship at the southern end of the sand spit at the entrance to Kwongchowwan.

BEGINNING TO SETTLE

"At 10.15 a.m. the ship was practically upright. I was aware that the ship was beginning to settle, but thought with the difference between the first and second soundings; and the progress being made I would be able to reach the spit and not require the assistance of other vessels.

"These favourable conditions lasted until 10.30 a.m. after which they worsened, until at 10.50 a.m. the order had been given for all hands to take to the lifeboats.

The aft of the ship was completely submerged and the hatches were

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DOUBLE INIQUITY

The car of Police Sergeant Harris was stolen from outside the Police Recreation Club yesterday.

JEWELLERY LOST

Mrs. Dalziel, of No. 105, The Peak, has reported the loss of jewellery worth \$55 in Blue Pool Road at about 8.30 p.m. on October 31.

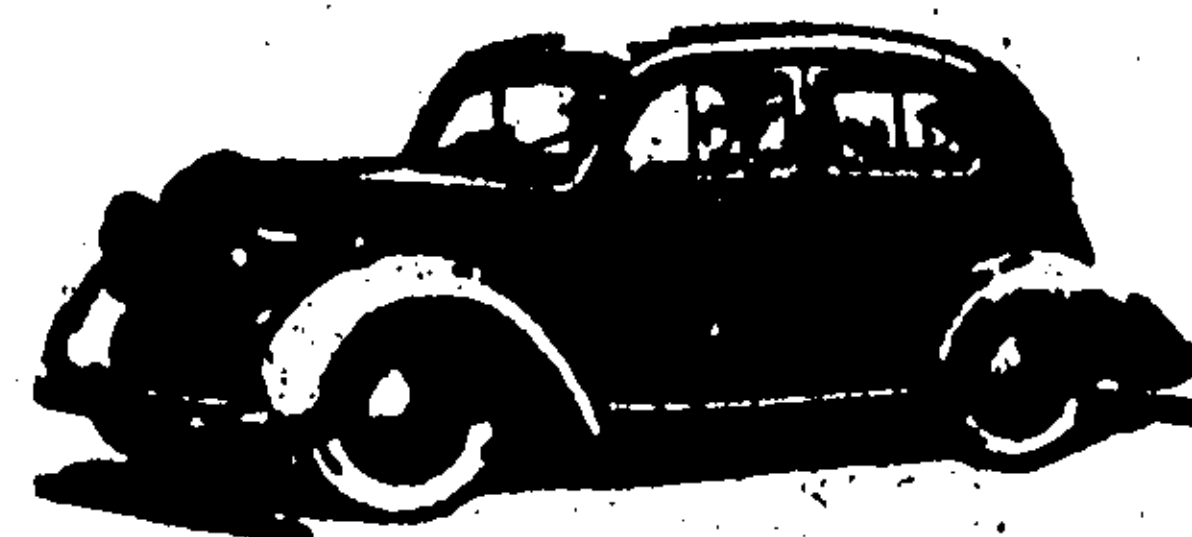
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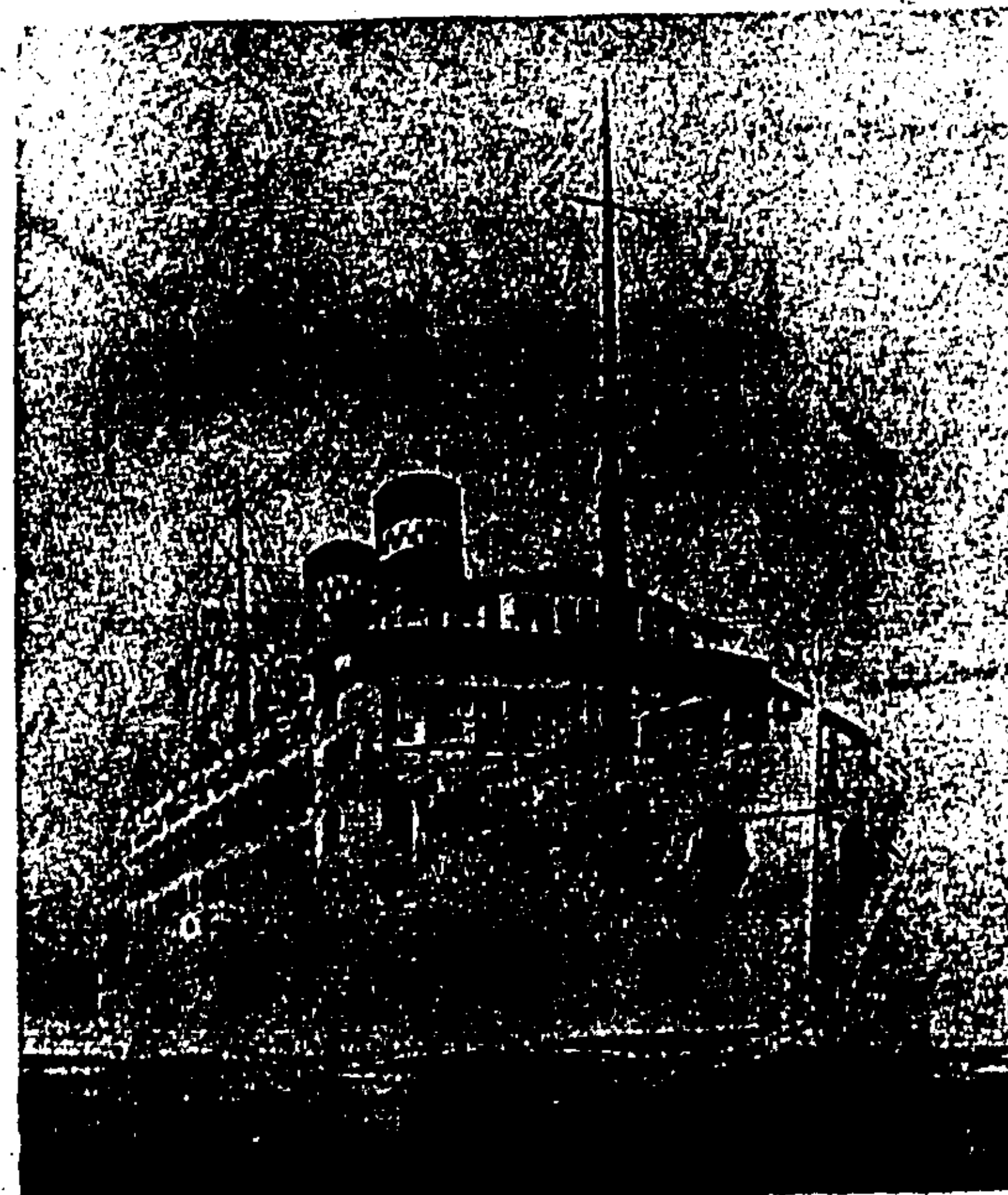
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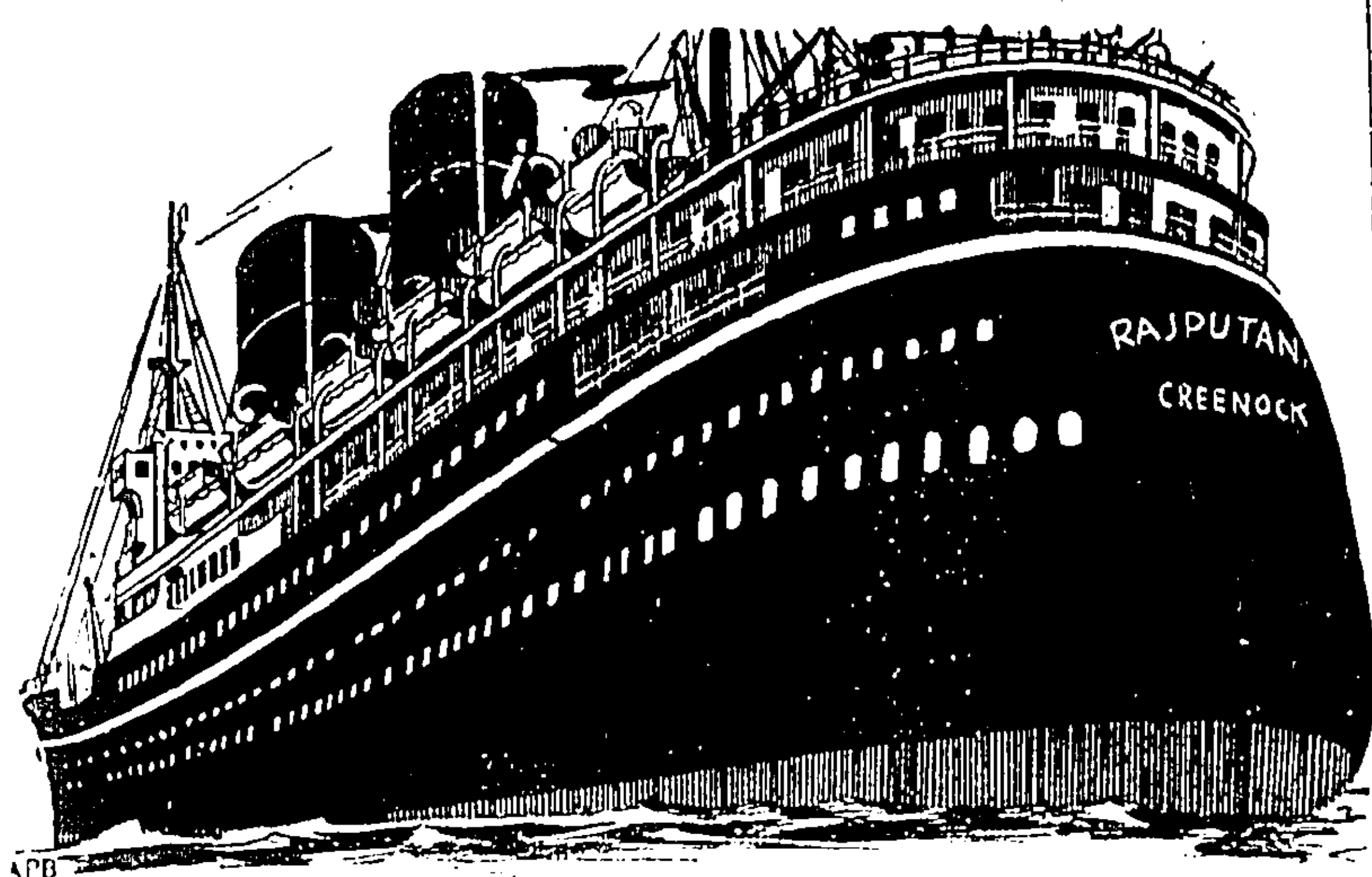
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Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date,	November 2.
Haiphong	November 2.
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Haiphong, Pakhoi, Hoihow and Fort Bayard	November 2.
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Canton	November 3.
Shanghai	November 3.
Haiphong	November 3.
Bangkok, Saigon and Tourane	November 3.
Sandakan	November 3.
Manila	November 3.
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Australia and Manila	November 3.
Haiphong and Hoihow	November 4.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 28th October	November 5.
Japan	November 5.
Manila	November 6.
Haiphong and Fort Bayard	November 5.
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Fort Bayard		Nov. 2, 1.30 p.m.
Formosa		Nov. 2, 2.30 p.m.
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Amoy		Nov. 2, 7.00 p.m.
Bangkok		Nov. 2, 7.00 p.m.
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Canton		Nov. 3, 7.15 a.m.
Amoy and parcels only for Shanghai		Nov. 3, 8.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard		Nov. 3, 10.30 a.m.
Sandakan		Nov. 3, 8.30 a.m.
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	Par.,	Nov. 2, 5.00 p.m.
	Reg.,	Nov. 3, 8.45 a.m.
	Ord.,	Nov. 3, 9.30 a.m.
Bangkok		Nov. 3, 9.30 a.m.
Haiphong		Nov. 3, 1.00 p.m.
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	G.P.O.	
	Parcels,	Nov. 3, 3.00 p.m.
	Reg.,	Nov. 3, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Nov. 3, 7.00 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 15th November.	K.P.O.	
	Parcels	Nov. 3, 4.00 p.m.
	Reg.,	Nov. 3, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Nov. 3, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
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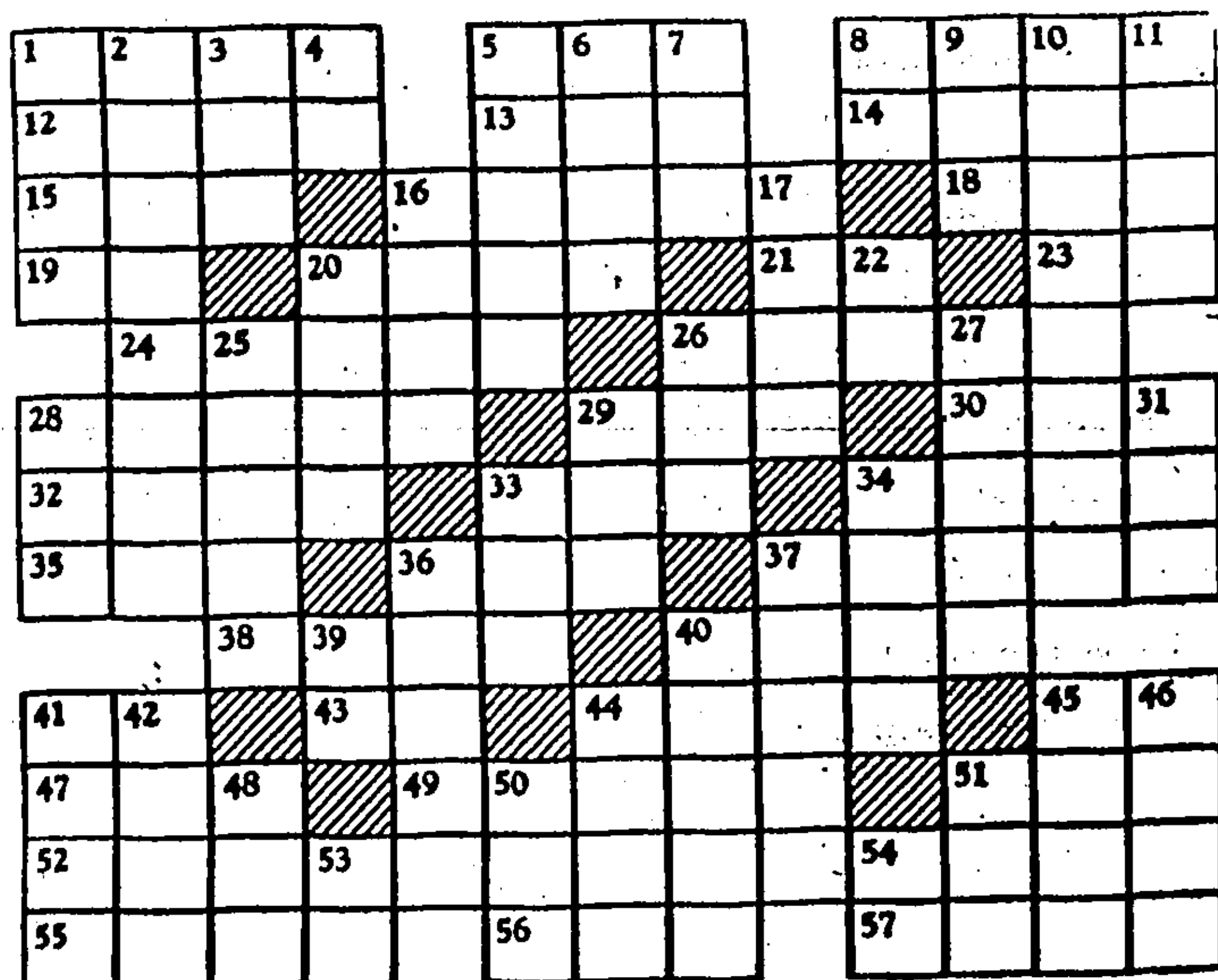
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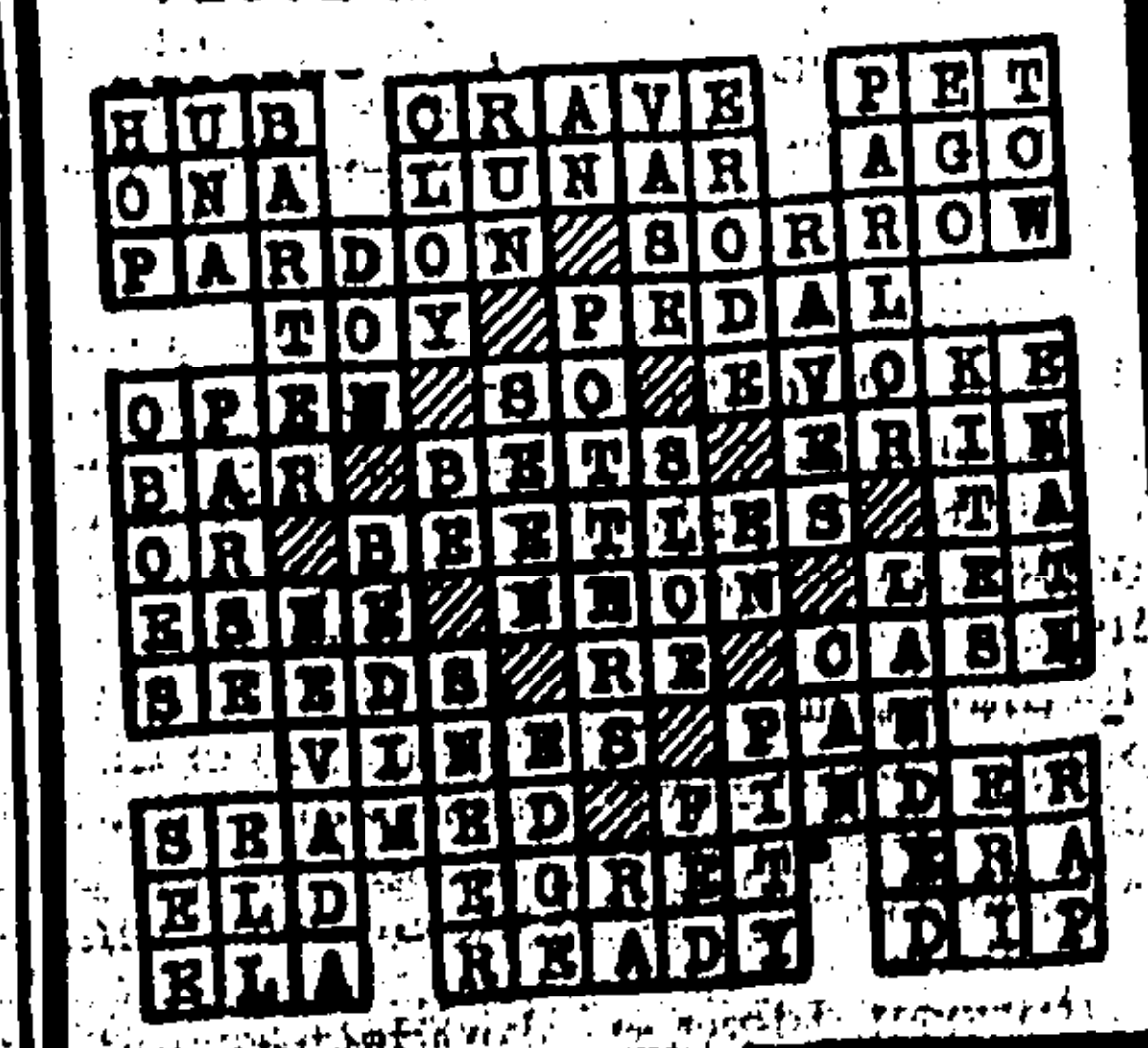
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22 To exist
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27 Lyric poem
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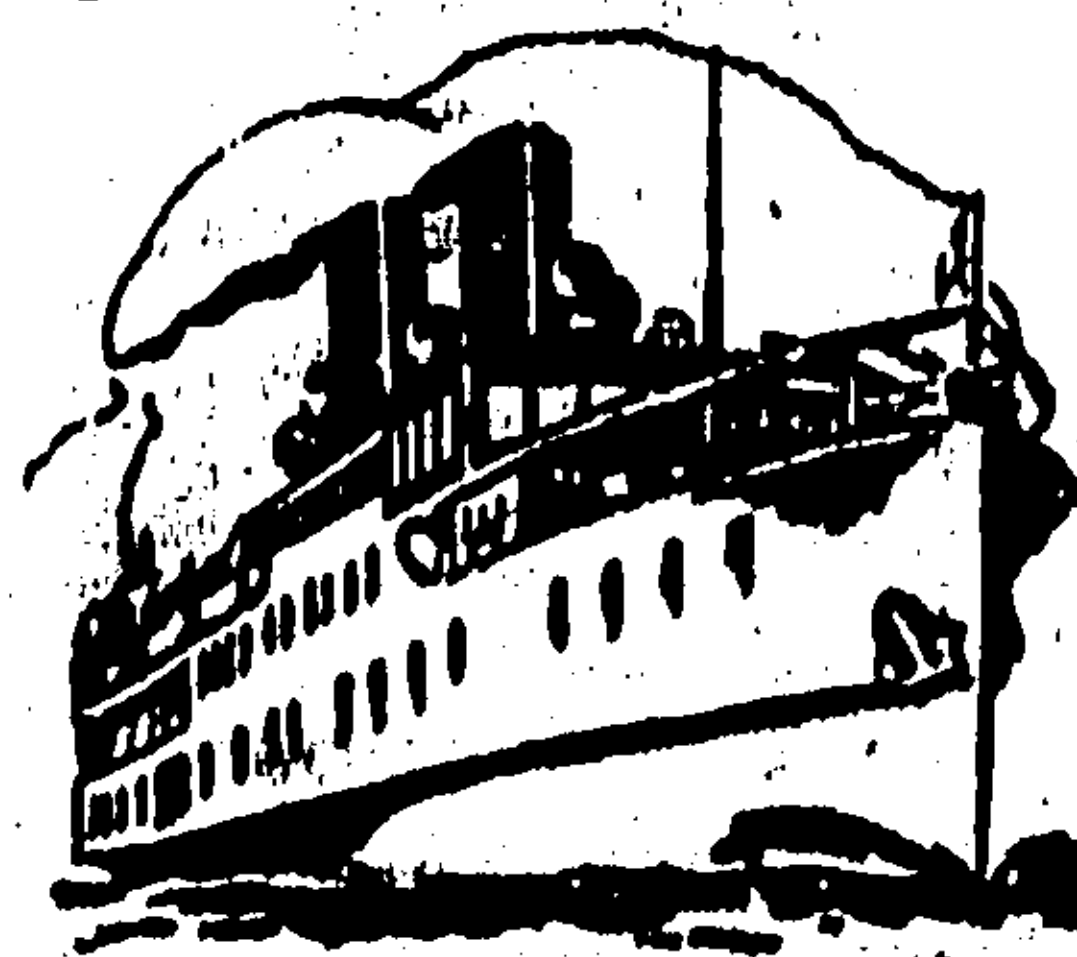
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United Paracales Ps. 27 sa.

IN GERMANY TO-DAY

HOPES AND FEARS OF
OPPOSITION: PROSPECT OF
"NATIONAL BOLSHEVISM"

London, Oct. 12.

A CAREFULLY ARGUED SURVEY of the international situation in Germany, written by a German-speaking Swiss, appeared recently in the Basler Nachrichten.

It deals not only with living conditions but also with the mood of the people and the ideas discussed among those who are opposed to Hitler's regime.

The writer found that the National-Socialist ideology which has been forced on the people for six years through press and wireless is not standing up to the strain of totalitarian warfare.

Those who swallowed it whole are now soldiers at the front and in reserve, whose credulity takes the form of intense admiration for Hitler himself. But those who turned their coats to enjoy the prizes of the new regime are now the unconvincing guardians of order at home. People are seeing now that the purpose of much of the ideological talk was merely to justify the existence of the regime and its servants.

PREMATURE HOPE

This Swiss observer utters a warning against any premature hope of re-

volution against Hitlerism. The people realise the strength and efficiency of the powerful Nazi minority. But to say that there is no threat to this minority at the moment is not to say that most people support the Nazis. On the contrary, this observer found widespread discontent with the war and the working of bureaucracy.

When war broke out the nation was already exhausted by crises and demands for "maximum effort," especially from the workman in industry. Some time ago the working classes were already talking of the resemblances between the governments of Russia and Germany. There is much anxiety in the towns about the prospect of a major war in the west. It is felt that the party leaders and the hosts of officials have seen to their own protection, whereas for the public there are few gas-masks and quite inadequate shelter against air raids. It has been discovered that buna, the Nazi rubber substitute, cannot be used for making masks. Bandages for civilian use were scarce before war began, and Germans know full well that Russia may export oil but does not produce cotton and rubber. Soldiers are known to be wearing uniforms of very inferior material, and there is great anxiety in the towns at the prospect of a winter without fuel.

LITTLE BELIEF IN
DEMOCRACY

The writer found little belief in or hope for Democracy in the ordinary sense of the word. Among the opponents of the regime he found vague hopes of a future state without the present features of mass movements and mass organisation. They were longing for more "personal" rule.

On these critics the effect of the Russian pact was two fold. Some declared their disgust with all systems of dictatorship, and others were attracted by the old idea of co-operation between Germany and the east.

The old slogans against capitalism—used by both Nazis and Communists in their time—were reappearing. Quite a number of working men were discussing the possibility of a synthesis of Communism and National Socialism.

In Southern Germany, and to a certain extent in the west, the old Federalist feelings against centralisation and Prussianism were reviving, particularly in aristocratic and Church circles. In the north the idea of a Socialist continental bloc against England was found popular among officers and Prussian commercial circles. But in all parts of the country there was strong resentment at the outraging of certain fundamental human rights, and in the south people were heard to ask why the British did not drop bombs instead of leaflets "to bring this country to its senses."

"NATIONAL BOLSHEVISM"

Everywhere this observer found the nuclei of opposition movements, but in every case their hope was for a completely new democratic form of Government.

In his opinion only the whipping up of new fanaticism would keep these people loyal during a long war, although the British blockade might arouse enough indignation to make the war temporarily popular.

If there were a "German peace" the growth of "National Bolshevism" would be inevitable; if there were complete defeat of Germany the result would be political chaos and a ready welcome for Russian ideas.

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CAPTAIN HOUSR IN
WILD SEA BEFORE
RESCUE

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bursting open. The stern seemed to touch bottom.

The last observation I made was that the ship was three miles from the spit.

I dismissed the helmsman to his lifeboat at 10.58 a.m. and then proceeded to cut away ropes which may have fouled the boats.

STRUGGLE IN WATER

"No. 1 boat got clear, but some people who had been washed out by the rough sea were attempting to swim and scramble back to the ship. I shouted to them to go back to the boat and also for the boat to pick them up. The Chief Steward, Chan Wai-tong, was among them. He tried to return to the ship. I yelled at him to go back. That was the last I saw of him because I was washed away.

"No. 3 boat had fouled so I struggled to cut the ropes. But before I could do so I was washed away again, and when I recovered I found that the boat had capsized. The occupants were around clinging to the boat. I was then washed overboard and not picked up until about 2 p.m. The boats on the port side got away.

"The missing were Chief Steward Chan Wai-tong, Boatswain Fai Ngan, and Teller Yuen Wing-chuen."

The injury was adjourned until 2.30 p.m. to-day.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-7/8.

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TO-DAY'S STRANGE STORY OF REAL PEOPLE

NO. 97 — THE CASE OF
DR. WILLIAM H. WILSON

BY VINCENT TOWNE

"It's poisoned! Save the bottle!" With this cry of terror Dr. William H. Wilson, a Philadelphia physician, fell into a convulsion, during which a quarter of an hour later he died in great agony.

Dr. Wilson had been enjoying a very profitable practice. On Tuesday, June 23, 1908, he received by express a small wooden box containing a bottle of ale, and accompanied by a letter typewritten upon stationery bearing the head of a Philadelphia brewing concern. The letter requested the physician to sample the product and inclosed a blank form of testimonial for his signature. Dr. Wilson put the ale in his refrigerator and went to his bungalow at Cornwells, Pa., where he was in the habit of treating some of his wealthiest suburban patients.

Returning home on the night of June 26, he looked about him for a cooling drink, opened the icebox, noticed the ale and poured out a glassful, which he proceeded to drink. But he had no sooner swallowed the beverage than he uttered the alarm quoted above.

Analysis disclosed that the ale had been saturated with cyanide of potassium, a deadly poison, now common in our criminal annals, but very little known at that time.

The cork of the bottle had been secured with red wax, into which at either side of the neck had been impressed a seal bearing the letter S. Upon the letterhead the name of the brewery firm was flanked on either side by another large S of a different design. The letter explained that the bottle was one of a number sent to physicians and stated that the brewers would appreciate the doctor's signature on the inclosed blank. There was nothing about the package, the bottle or the letter to excite suspicion. Everything was neatly prepared and bore evidence that hundreds of other such samples had been sent out with identical letters to physicians.

The following day the coroner received a letter postmarked Bristol, Pa. signed "An injured husband and father," and purporting to be from Dr. Wilson's murderer. The alleged confession stated: "This letter is true in every detail, and it proves I am the person who attended to this matter. I will tell you that the ale contained cyanide of potassium and there are two seals with the letter capital S on the bottle."

Police and detectives left no stone unturned in their search for the criminal.



"It's poisoned! Save the bottle!"

The letterhead of the brewery firm was proved to be a forgery, and a Philadelphia printer, suspected of the crime, was arrested, but succeeded in proving his innocence. The authorities were at their wits' ends when there was received at the Philadelphia office of the Associated Press a note written on the same typewriter as that which had produced the letter to the coroner. In this communication the alleged murderer offered to sell a complete confession of the crime and give the profit to the six-year-old daughter of Dr. Wilson. But the detectives, after futile efforts to trap him, came to regard this mysterious correspondent as an innocent person who was hoaxing them.

A year after the crime a newspaper writer who had been active upon the case received in the mail a long communication signed "The Executioner." It stated: "I am the person who killed Dr. William H. Wilson just one year ago to-day. For purposes which you will later understand, I have prepared an article upon the subject for which I wish an audience. I shall take the liberty of expressing you a small box containing the entire matter and everything pertaining to it that I have."

The box was received. It contained the "confession," copies of letters used in correspondence with Dr. Wilson's widow, and certain articles which caused a commotion at police headquarters. One was a steel die marked with the initial S and bearing a tag which stated "Seal used on two impressions on wax sealing bottle at neck," a type initial letter S of 36-point Stuyvesant labeled "The initial used on each side of the letterhead of the decoy letter," several lines of type, set up, bound together and tagged "Type used in printing decoy return blank," also a small bit of wood bearing the impression of a

hammer. Concerning this last the alleged murderer wrote:

"I sent you an impression of the same hammer with which I nailed the box containing the poisoned ale. The wood is of the same used in the box, this merely to prove authenticity."

When these articles were compared with those held in evidence by the police microscopic examination failed to show any discrepancies. The seal exactly fit the impression upon the wax, the initial S in type bore a nick reproduced upon the letterhead, and the type coincided exactly with that used upon the decoy testimonial; also, the wood bore hammer prints of the same size as those upon the poison package.

"Now this event closes for me a year of extraordinary events," wrote the alleged murderer. "My grief has been, more than words can wield the matter — a grief that makes breath poor and speech unable."

The identity of the alleged murderer was never discovered, and the murder of Dr. Wilson remains today a mystery even blacker than it was at the moment when he gasped out his dying breath.

CONCUBINE
RUNS OFF

That his concubine had run away taking his daughters with her, was reported to the police last night by Lo Ming, 52, of Sheung Li Uk Village.

Lo stated that his concubine, Yau So-mai, 29, left the house at 11.30 a.m. yesterday, taking a quantity of clothing and some jewellery. His two daughters, nine and 11 years old, accompanied the woman.

FORGED BUS
TICKET
CHARGES

SIX MEN, FIVE OF THEM CONDUCTORS OF THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY, AND A WOMAN, APPEARED BEFORE MR. Q. A. A. MACFADYEN THIS MORNING WHEN CHIEF DETECTIVE INSPECTOR A. E. CAREY BROUGHT 18 CHARGES AGAINST THEM, IN CONNECTION WITH FORGED BUS TICKETS.

Accused Li Sang, 27, Wu Wing, 22, Tang Tak, 26, Ho On, 22, Pun Fat, 31, and Wong Lee, 26, and Chan Tai, 27, a married woman, were charged with conspiracy to defraud the K.M.B.C. by pretending that certain tickets were issued by the Company, whereas, in fact, they were not.

They were also charged individually with different offences such as embezzlement, and possession of and uttering forged tickets.

All were arrested on October 29 at Li Uk Village.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for Pun Fat, and Mr. S. Ng-Quinn for Wu Wing and Ho On. The others were not defended.

The prosecution opposed bail.

A week's formal remand was ordered.

PICKPOCKET
IN A BUS

Sentence of nine months' hard labour was imposed on Hau Kau, 20, by Mr. R. Edwards this morning, for the theft of a wallet.

Inspector Collins said that at about 5.30 p.m. yesterday, the victim was riding in a bus in Pokfulam Road. Defendant, standing at the back of the bus, extracted the wallet from his jacket pocket.

Defendant was also placed under Police supervision for two years.

TIED TO A
TREE

A story of how he was tied to a tree and left in the sun for several hours by the Japanese at Namtau, was related by Chan Wo, 30, at the Central Magistracy, this morning, when he was charged with returning to the Colony after banishment for life.

He was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

Witty
Kitty

An optimist is he in whose opinion there's still peace to be found in the world.

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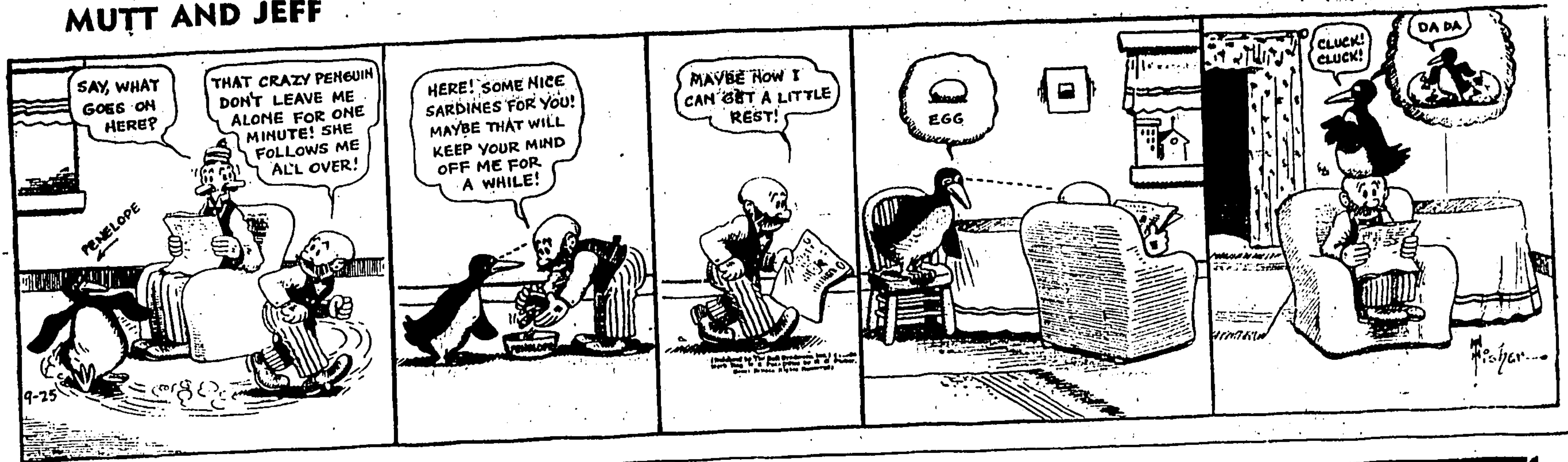
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5.45 p.m.—Studio—Children's Hour.
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6.47 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—In A Moment Of Weakness (film 'Naughty But Nice'); I Don't Believe In Signs (film 'Naughty But Nice')...Ray Noble & His Orchestra.
Slow Fox-Trot—South Of The Border; Waltz—I Paid For The Lie That I Told You...Henry Hall & His Orchestra.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—"Brief Interlude", with Ida Shepley & Elisabeth Welch. The B.B.C. Variety Orchestra conducted by Mark H. Lubback.
7.30 p.m.—The Regimental Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.
Selection of Wilfred Sanderson's Songs: Intro: Drake Goes West; My dear Soul; Captain Mac; The Company Sergeant Major; Friend

To-day's Wireless

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o' mine; Up from Somerset; Until Martial Moments (arr. Aubrey Winter).
7.47 p.m.—The Gay Nineties Singers.
Pretty Polly Perkins of Paddington Green (Traditional).
Hot Codlings (Traditional).
The One-Horse Shay (Traditional).
Botany Bay (Traditional).
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Ivor Novello in "The Dancing Years".
Waltz Of My Heart...Mary Ellis with Ivor Novello (at the Piano) and Drury Lane Theatre Orch.
I Can Give You The Starlight...Mary Ellis (Vocal) with Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra.

My Dearest Dear...Mary Ellis & Ivor Novello (Vocal & Talking) with Orchestra.
My Life Belongs To You...Dunstan Hart & Mary Ellis (Vocal) with Ivor Novello (at the Piano) and Orchestra.
The Wings of Sleep...Mary Ellis & Olive Gilbert (Vocal) with Ivor Novello (at the Piano) and Orch.
Primrose...Roma Beaumont (Vocal) with Ivor Novello (at the Piano) and Orchestra.
8.22 p.m.—Lionel Monckton—"A Country Girl"—Selection. London Theatre Orchestra.
8.33 p.m.—Piano Selections by Raie Da Costa.

Ivor Novello
In "The
Dancing Years

"Stand Up and Sing"—Medley (Charing).
"King of Jazz"—Medley.
8.45 p.m.—Studio—Talk On "Some Early Recollections" by P. Witham.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—"The News".
9.30 p.m.—Saint-Saens—Carnival of the Animals. Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra.
9.52 p.m.—Songs by Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).
There's A Bridge Hanging On The Wall (Carson Robison).
Song of the Grateful Heart (Ord Hamilton).
A Sea Call (Ramon).
Life and Death (Coleridge-Taylor).
10.06 p.m.—Elgar—Concerto in B Minor, Op. 61. Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and the London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Edward Elgar.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.



(By The Four Aces)

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LUCKY!

To-day's Slam hand we consider extremely lucky for good breaks were necessary to fulfill the contract. Furthermore, if either opponent had held four trumps, the contract might well have been doubled and set several tricks.

South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♠ K Q J 10
 ♥ 10 9 8 7 6 3
 ♦ 7 6 4
 ♣ —

♠ 9 8 5
 ♥ K 5 4 2
 ♦ 10 9 3
 ♣ 10 8 7

♠ —
 ♥ —
 ♦ —
 ♣ —

♠ 7 4
 ♥ Q J
 ♦ K J 5 3
 ♣ K Q J 9 8

♠ A 8 8 2
 ♥ A
 ♦ A Q 8
 ♣ A 6 5 4 2

Mr. Balfe

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

As it was, West opened the ten of diamonds (Break No. 1; the King is in the right place). After winning

South laid down the heart ace and played a small spade to dummy. As South

now trumped a heart, he noted another good break—both the Queen and Jack had fallen

from the East hand. But there was still the

slam to come. South played the

break to come. South played the

spade Ace, then his remaining trump to dummy. Now the ten of hearts was led from dummy. South discarding and West winning his only trick with the King.

Finding the trumps divided 3-2 was worth exactly three tricks to Declarer. Dummy's three remaining hearts were now all good for tricks. But if East, for example, had held four trumps, the hearts in dummy would have been completely worthless.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and held:

♠ J x
 ♥ Q x x x
 ♦ K x x x
 ♣ x x x

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	You	Maier
1♥	2♣	(?)	

ANSWER: Your bid is to pass. Unless Mr. Jacoby can rebid, there is no future in the hand. Score 100% for pass, 70% for two hearts, 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 247

To-day you are Merwin Maier's partner and hold:

♠ J 10 9 7
 ♥ A J 10 8
 ♦ 9 7 4
 ♣ A 8 2

The bidding:

Jacoby	You	Schenken	Maier
1♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

What do you lead? (Answer)

(Answered by The Four Aces, Inc.)

SOFTBALL

PROMISE
OF THE
PANTHERS

Pounding 12 blows off the easy benders of Vivienne Churn, whose mates also bobbed on 16 occasions, the Panther Kittens walloped the Cubs on Tuesday, 15-5, in a friendly pre-League tilt.

Although it is gratifying news to the Bruins that the Chang sisters, Peewee and Gabby, are returning shortly from Honolulu, their absence from the line-up was sadly missed. That's not all; captain Grandma Hutchinson will be laid up all season with water on the knee, and outfielder June Hall is hospitalised with dysentery.

The Panthers played heads-up ball all the way, and only erred three times. Flinger Irene Tavares displayed her usual steadiness on the rubber, fanning five but walking nine, while Vivienne Churn whiffed only two and passed three.

CUBS' POOR PLAY

Opening the session with three markers on two bingles, the Cubs tailed the rest of the tilt when the Jungle Kittens came back with a count of five in the first, and kept scoring in every frame.

To further stress the low calibre of play dished up by the Bruins, only three of the Panther runs were earned off the pitcher, while the luckless Cubs were running around in circles as the Kittens pilfered basehits at will. It's a far cry from the brand of ball the Bruins played last season, and coach Papa Bear Scoop Smith will have to put them through their paces considerably more than he has before if they are to be any kind of a threat to the champion wildcats.

Outstanding Panther was captain

LOCAL FOOTBALL

POPPY DAY
CHARITY TEAM

The following have been chosen to represent the Rest of the Colony in the Annual Poppy Day Charity Football match against the United Services on the Club ground at 4 p.m. on November 12.

Cheung Wing-choi (South China "A"), Blackburn (Police) and Lee Ting-sang (South China "A"); Leung Wing-chui (South China "A"), Williamson (Kowloon) and Hsu King-seng (Eastern); Fowler (Club), Fung King-cheong (South China "A") Lee Wai-tong (South China "A") (capt.) A. V. Gosano (St. Joseph's) and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

Reserves:—Lee Kwok-wai (Kwong-wah), Yeung Shui-yick (South China "A"), Forrow (Club), and Lai Shui-wing (South China "A") Manager: Mr. W. E. Hollands.

Players and reserves are requested to report to the manager at 3.30 p.m. in the Club pavilion.

Celeste Marques, whose covering of the windy alley was a sight to behold, and an inspiration to her mates. Mentor Cesar (Quack! Quack!) Xavier has a promising bunch of girls in the Panthers, and should have a worthy team with a little more training.



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King Kong And Triumphant Day Favoured For St-Legers

Devonian Expected To Offer Stern Challenge

KAY SHOWS GOOD FORM FOR NAVY

(By "SCRUM HALF")

29—0
34—3
26—3

Those are the scores by which Navy have beaten Club "A".

Yesterday Club strengthened their team by the inclusion of Bidwell and Butcher, Cessford being unable to play, but, despite the fact there were many new faces in the Navy team—there was a completely different three-quarter line on view—they lost by four goals and two tries (26 points) to a try (3 points).

Bidwell played a fair game at scrum-half, being badly handicapped by the fact that his pack were not getting the ball often and their play in the loose was very ragged. Despite this, however, he established good understanding with Butcher, who opened up the game to the best of his ability. Lammert made one good run and was the only three-quarter to look dangerous.

Navy have a very promising fly-half in Kay. He let the ball out well and never lost an opportunity to catch the opposing defence on the wrong foot. It would not surprise if he found a place in the Navy back division. Clark put in excellent work at the base of the scrum and Pascoe made only one mistake, when he was slow to recover in the face of an adverse bounce and Club scored. Johns again led the forwards in grand style.

THE SCORING

Kay opened the scoring when he went over during a forward rush and converted—objection has been raised to the word majorised. Club were forced to touch down on their own goal line and from the drop-out a Navy three-quarter movement resulted in Bowden scoring in the corner. Soon after a scrum 10 yards from the Club line saw the ball come out the Navy side and Carter was over in a flash for Kay to kick a goal. Club retaliated just before the interval when Butcher punted ahead and followed up to secure a favourable bounce and transfer to Forrow just before being tackled by Pascoe. Forrow touched down between the posts and Stout had his kick charged down. 13-3 to Navy.

Early in the second half Hopkins was forced to carry the ball over his own line and from the resultant 5-yard scrum Bowden scored an unconverted try. Carter then intercepted a pass from Lavalle and scored between the posts for Kay to add the goal points. Kay completed the scoring—he scored 14 points himself—when he left the whole of the Club defence spreadeagled following a brilliant "sale of the dummy" and touched down between the posts and added the goal points.

C. Austin refereed and the teams were: Navy—Mr. Pascoe; Tel. Hall, Lt. Carter, Moe. Jeffries and Tel. Bowden; A. B. Kay and Lt. Comdr. Clark; P. O. King, P. O. Williams, Lt. (E) Brown; L/S. Spirit, A. B. Longmuir; Lt. Bagley, L.S.A. Yendall and Lt. Johns.

Club "A"—H. F. Hopkins; H. Van Leeuwen, R. M. Lavalle, L. Lammert and K. Forrow; A. R. H. Butcher and H. D. Bidwell; R. E. Heasman, F. Burford, E. W. Stout; R. M. M. King and L. A. Benn; R. G. Castleton, J. Moodie and P. F. Wanklyn.

ROYALS BEAT POLICE

Weakened by the absence of three players Police were beaten by Royal Scots by three tries (9 points) at Boundary Street yesterday.

The Royals were well served by Boc, at centre three-quarter, who scored two tries, and Capt. Duke in the pack. Dunlop, at stand-off, was slightly selfish but otherwise gave a sound display while Lang, full-back, played well in that position in the first half but was even better in the second period at scrum-half.

The Police forwards held their opponents well but their three backs missed. Wilson, Luscombe was off form, while at forward Dempsey was outstanding, with Collins and Jenner also deserving mention.

Taylor had two or three good runs but lacked finish. Yesterday he saw much more of the ball. Wall was very sound at back and was featured in some good and clean kicking.

TEAM FOR SATURDAY

The following have been chosen to represent Police against Club "A" on Saturday at Sookunpo at 2.15 p.m.
Wall; Reynolds; Jackson, Wilson and Taylor; Fay and Luscombe; Whelan, Beattie, Innes, Collins, Dunn and Benn; Jenner and Dempsey.

GOLD COIN & BRESSAY FOR "THE DOUBLE?"

(By "Rapier")

SINCE THE RESUMPTION of racing after the Summer interval ideal weather has favoured Hong Kong Jockey Club at their Extra Race Meetings, and it is to be hoped that similar conditions will prevail on Saturday when the Tenth Extra Race Meeting will be held, with two St. Legers forming the main events.

Mr. S. L. Sung has sufficiently recovered from the effects of his injury and will resume riding on Saturday, and a warm welcome will also be extended to Mr. P. P. Botelho on his return to the track after a long absence.

The programme will open with the first classic event of the day, the Sub-Griffins St. Leger, over 1½ miles, in which the following will probably take part:—
Celtic Star (Mr. Encarnacao),
King Kong (Mr. Chao),
Markman (Mr. Needa),
Strathbannock (Mr. Black).

Judging from past results, Markman, the Champion Sub., is the "obvious" choice, but one is inclined to feel that it has not improved. It was beaten by King Kong in the Whitsun Handicap over a mile, though it must be remembered that it was carrying top weight of 168 lb. on that occasion, a severe handicap.

Nevertheless, in view of the ease with which King Kong won the previous event and the Sub-Griffins Autumn Plate over 1¼ miles, it is likely to win the St. Leger. Markman and Celtic Star should provide a keen struggle for the minor positions, while Strathbannock's chances of being placed must not be overlooked.

SUSSEX HANDICAP: (FIRST SECTION)—SIX FURLONGS

This race for "B" Class China ponies should provide a thrilling finish. Having won the Wyndham Handicap over 1¼ miles at the previous meeting, Moonlight View is penalised by 1 lb., and as this pony is no sprinter, there is a possibility that it may not accept, leaving Humdrum Eve to represent the Lan Stable.

New Star (Mr. Pan), which lost to Moonlight View by a short head at the last meeting, has again been given 150 lb. to carry, and while it has revealed improvement, it may not be fast enough to win.

Avon (Mr. Black) did well to come in second to Red Feather in the Kwangsi Handicap (First Section) at the 8th Extra Meeting and it is a decided danger. It has even a good chance of winning.

Rob Roy, which will be Mr. Encarnacao's mount, has not been in the limelight for some time, but it may spring a surprise. Jennifer is also good for this distance, and under the control of Mr. Proulx should be prominent at the finish.

FREMANTLE ST. LEGER:

1½ MILES

This race, the second St. Leger of the day, for Australian Subscription ponies of this season, should prove most interesting. In view of its win in the Rooter-Hill Derby, Triumphant Day (Mr. Liang) is the natural choice, but it must be remembered that it will not have its original jockey (Mr. Tao) on top on Saturday.

Chiltern (Mr. Encarnacao) was second in the Rooter-Hill Derby, and, as it has to all appearances regained some of its old form—it won the Nullah Nullah Handicap over the two mile post distance at the last meeting—should give a good account of itself. The pony to watch, however, is Devonian, Lady Northcote's nomination, which has improved a great deal after the Summer vacation. I expect it to offer Triumphant Day stern opposition, if it does not actually win.

Happy Landings (Mr. W. H. S. Davis) is another pony to watch, but it may disappoint again, while Candlelight (Mr. Proulx) is not bad and may be worth backing for a place—it did a nice gallop the other morning over the Derby distance.

The finish should be fought out between Triumphant Day and Devonian with Chiltern filling the other minor position.

PADDOCK HANDICAP: ABOUT HALF MILE 160 YARDS

In this sprint event novice jockeys will be given mounts on ponies from "E" Class and Sub-Griffins of this season that have not won more than \$400 in stakes.

Happy Landings (Mr. Proulx) has been running at the door of success for a long time, and on Saturday its chances are rather bright, providing, of course, Mr. Trevorton can get it away to a good start.

Patience (Mr. Chiu) is the next pony to be considered in view of its placing third to Devonian in the Fokien Plate at the Eighth

Extra Meeting.

Lucky Eleven (Mr. H. M. Botelho) is now well and sound and, should it produce some of its old form on Saturday, should be hard to beat.

Dragonfly (Mr. Ho Hong-ping), it has been hinted, is a possible surprise packet, but has not done anything special while training. My choice is Heddon for a win, with Palmer second and Lucky Eleven third.

NORFOLK HANDICAP: (FIRST SECTION)—SIX FURLONGS

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double," and will be contested by first section "D" Class China ponies, Subs. of this season that have won more than \$1,000 in stakes, being barred.

Gold Coin, Mr. Liang up, is my choice, which is based on its performance when it came third to Strathbannock in the Jordan Handicap (First Section) at the 8th Extra Meeting. Sunlight View (Mr. Y. T. Fung) is given top weight of 168 lb. and although it won the Junk Bay Handicap at the 7th Extra Meeting over this distance, I am inclined to disregard it.

Double Chance will be in charge of Mr. Hearne, and this combination may be worth following. Night View (Mr. Phi) is another likely winner, and may possibly spring a surprise. This pony has not done anything of note at previous meetings, but it may be a surprise winner on Saturday.

SUSSEX HANDICAP: (SECOND SECTION)—SIX FURLONGS

This race will be contested by the second section "B" Class China ponies and the winner will probably come from Oak Bay (Mr. Proulx); Gladiator (Mr. Hearne); or Jober (Mr. H. M. Botelho).

Oak Bay, which came in second to Avon in the Tweed Island Bay Handicap (Second Section) at the 7th Extra Meeting, is looking very fit at the moment and has a good chance of winning, but will be seriously challenged by Gladiator, which has done well over this distance before.

Jober is a fast mover, and can be depended on to make a fight, with 5 lb. allowance on account of its novice jockey, Rose Evelyn (Mr. Encarnacao) is not likely to cause any worry as it will be running against better class ponies. One is inclined to nominate Oak Bay to win, with Gladiator second and Jober third.

NORFOLK HANDICAP: (SECOND SECTION)—SIX FURLONGS

The second lot of "D" Class China ponies will take part in this race, which is the second leg of the "Daily Double," and those who succeed in making the right selection in the first leg will find a hard task ahead of them in making the correct connection.

Bressay was a failure in the Bonham Handicap under a novice jockey over this distance at the last meeting, but with Mr. Hearne on top and with a flying start it may redeem itself.

Ebony Idol (Mr. Proulx) has come down in weight and as it is running amongst its own class, it should have a say in the finish, the distance being more to its liking. Gog (Mr. Needa) has disappointed many times but if it can get away on the rise of the barrier it will probably win this race.

National Liberty, which was third in the Bonham Handicap, should do well with Mr. Chanson on top. This pony, ridden by the same jockey, was second in the Fokien Plate. Smiling Time will be ridden by the champion jockey, Mr. Encarnacao. There is no doubt that it is gradually improving, and may do well here, if not actually winning. My selections, however, are Bressay to win, with Ebony Idol second and National Liberty third.

QUEENSLAND HANDICAP: ABOUT HALF MILE 160 YARDS

A Raring Time (Mr. Needa), which won the Ballarat Handicap over a mile at the last meeting, has been penalised by 11 lb., but should be well supported on Saturday.

A Great Time (Mr. Encarnacao), which was third in this same race, should be better, as the distance really suits it. Mr. Proulx has the chance of making a Pumpernickel, and whatever pony he gets out will have to be a serious contender with Violet Queen, which will again be ridden

CORRESPONDENCE

Sir,—I shall be grateful if you will kindly publish the following in your esteemed paper.

I strongly object to the heavy increase of entrance fee in the Ladies' Softball League from \$7.00 to \$12.00 this season, and I am sure that those who voted in favour now clearly see that the increase is not justified.

Last season the Ladies' League had 10 teams and played altogether 45 games; this season with 9 teams, the ladies will play 2 rounds which amounts to 72 games. The secretary of the Softball Association contends that the increase is due to the higher cost of balls but as a new ball is not supplied for every game and the ladies do not wear out the ball as do the men, I cannot, therefore, see why there should be any increase at all.

This season more travelling expenses will be incurred as 80% of the games will be played in Prince Edward Road ground and as teams like the Wahos, Baby Panthers and Cubs are composed of school girls, they will have to get extra money for travelling expenses from their parents and I am certain some of them will not relish it in these hard times.

Last season the Softball League has a credit balance and this season the Softball Association will get an extra \$40.00 for affiliation fees.

If the Men's League last season had 11 teams and played 55 games and this season with 15 teams playing 105 games, their fee is not increased, why should the ladies be made to pay an increase at all?

I may also mention as a matter of fact that Hong League fee has not been raised. Thanking you.

Yours truly,

C. M. XAVIER

Manager, "Shell" and Baby Panthers.

R. H. K. G. C. Competition Draws

Following is the draw for the Jasper Clark Cup and Qualifying Round for Club Championship for Sunday:—

Old Course New Course

9.15 a.m. & 1.00 p.m.	A. K. Mackenzie, R. Young.
9.20 .. & 1.05 ..	A. E. Lissaman, D. J. Gilmore.
9.25 .. & 1.10 ..	Major Johnstone, Surg. Cdr. Nicholson.
9.30 .. & 1.15 ..	K. S. Robertson, A. McKellar.
9.35 .. & 1.20 ..	I. P. Tamworth, F. A. Redmond.
9.40 .. & 1.25 ..	G. M. Park, L. Goldman.
9.45 .. & 1.30 ..	W. W. C. Shewan, W. J. S. Key.
9.50 .. & 1.35 ..	L. R. Andrewes, D. S. Robb.

9.15 a.m. & 1.00 p.m.	A. D. Humphreys, A. B. Purves.
9.20 .. & 1.05 ..	A. Morse, A. Sommerfelt.
9.25 .. & 1.10 ..	A. J. Dennis, J. T. Smith.
9.30 .. & 1.15 ..	T. A. Pearce, F. D. Hunter.
9.35 .. & 1.20 ..	Lt. Col. Rose, E. J. R. Mitchell.
9.40 .. & 1.25 ..	G. C. Worrall, E. T. McMullen.
9.45 .. & 1.30 ..	D. S. Edward, J. B. Mackie.
9.50 .. & 1.35 ..	D. Humphreys, P. S. Delany.

C.S.C.C. TENNIS

A mixed doubles tournament will be held on Sunday at Civil Service Cricket Club, commencing at 2.15 p.m.

The tournament will be conducted in the progress method of a whisk drive, and automatic handicaps will operate.

PLAYER CAUTIONED

Gnr. Whittle of 5th R. A. was cautioned by the Emergency Committee at a meeting held last night, for using unparliamentary language to the referee during a League match recently.

RADIO PLAY WELL AGAINST HOCKEY CLUB

Radio Sports Club did well against Hong Kong Hockey Club in a friendly hockey match played at King's Park yesterday, and were beaten by the comparatively small margin of three goals to one.

Radio were best served by B. Souza, in goal, who made several fine saves, while M. H. Hussain, in the intermediate line, and Gurbachan Singh and Awtar Singh, among the forwards, were other players who gave a good account of themselves.

Club were again short of several

senior team regulars, G. E. R. Divett, V. C. Bond and Norman Whitley being three notable absentees. The attack was consequently again somewhat ragged.

E. F. A. Morgan returned to the centre-forward berth, and Sidney Fowler gave an improved display in his old position on the right-wing.

H. J. D. Lowe, playing inside-left, did not appear too happy as such. Both W. A. and E. V. Reed gave their usual sound displays.

Goals for the Club were scored by Tamworth, Fowler, and Carey, while Gurbachan Singh netted for Radio. The half-time score was 2-1.

Club:—Benwell; Potter, E. V. Reed; R. A. Bates, W. A. Reed, F. Corrie-Hill; S.

Fowler, D. S. Carey, E. Morgan, H. J. D. Lowe and Tamworth.

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INDIANS' CRICKET TEAM

The following will represent Indian seniors in a cricket match against Reereio on Saturday at Sookunpoo.—M. P. Madar (Capt.), A. H. Madar, S. A. Ismail, K. Nazarin, Y. el Arculli, M. el Arculli, A. K. Minu, A. Baker, A. H. Rumjahn, K. M. Rumjahn, and J. M. A. Ramjahn.

A FRIENDLY CRICKET match was played at the Central British School yesterday, Command Headquarters beating the School by 154 runs.

The School were without W. G. Pryde and Albert Odell, two of their best bats.

Command Headquarters batted first to declare at 209 runs for the loss of six wickets. Capt. Grose contributed 63 to this total, Col. Rogers 31 not out, and Sgt. Denver 48. R. G. Labrum took two wickets for 34 runs, and E. X. Huxley two for 39.

C.B.S. could reply only with 55, A. W. Brown scoring 16 and H. V. Lockhart 19. S/S. Watson took four school wickets for 26 runs, and Sgt. Denyer six wickets for only 8 runs.

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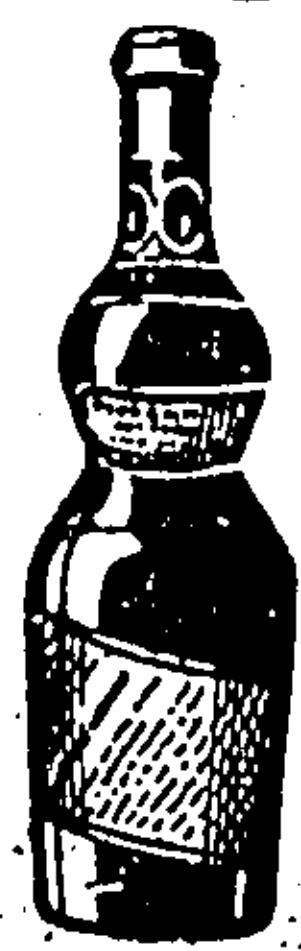
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She pleaded not guilty and stated that she was the last of the passengers alighting when it reached the stop. The bus started when she had only one foot on the ground, causing her to fall.

Traffic Inspector J. Scrim said that he could produce no evidence as the European Sergeant who issued the summons had failed to appear.

The Magistrate dismissed the case.

Following a fatal accident in Castle Peak Road on October 10, Lo Wing-tai, a learner driver, of Military H.Q., was fined \$5 for driving a car when not accompanied by a licensed driver.

TRUTH WILL OUT?

London, To-day.

Truth has made an incongruous appearance in German propaganda.

A recent broadcast to America from Zeesen complained that it is clear that the new Neutrality Bill will be onesided, as everyone knows that Germany cannot buy armaments from the United States for lack of gold, and that she cannot transport them "because of the British blockade."

This is a different picture to that recently painted by Dr. Goebbels of German warships ruling the waves

A FIGHT BETWEEN TWO RUSSIANS OCCURRED ON BOARD THE S.S. YU SANG WHILE THE SHIP WAS AT HAIPHONG AND THIS MORNING THE INCIDENT HAD A SEQUEL IN THE MARINE COURT WHEN PETER IVANOVITCH BORMINSKY, 27, SHIP'S GUARD, WAS CHARGED BEFORE COMMANDER G. F. HOLE WITH DISOBEYING THE ORDER OF THE CAPTAIN.

Borminsky pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 14 days' hard labour.

It was alleged that the fight occurred between accused and V. S. Andrianoff. Accused was ordered to stop by Captain Goddard but failed to comply with the order.

Andrianoff suffered injuries to his nose.

When the ship arrived here yesterday accused was taken off by Sergeant C. H. Mayor, of the Water Police.

HANDBAG STOLEN FROM CAR

Mrs. J. A. Cotton, West Terrace, Kowloon Docks, was robbed of a handbag containing \$35.50, yesterday. It was stolen from her car parked outside the Sun Sun cafe, in Nathan Road.

AUSTRALIA'S WAR EXPENDITURE

Canberra, To-day.

It is officially announced that Australia's war expenditure in the coming year has been estimated at £59,500,000.—Reuter.

over the wrecks of the entire British Navy, semi-official circles in London point out.—Reuter.

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Gunfire was audible to-day along the border of the New Territories, from the direction of Shumchun. It is not known whether the Japanese were practising or whether they were being attacked by guerillas.

London, To-day.

Rome Radio says that von Papen is leaving Berlin for Ankara next week.—Reuter.

Washington, To-day.

The White House has issued, for the second time, the message received from Kalinin expressing profound sympathy with President Roosevelt's "noble appeal" to Hitler not to invade independent nations, including Finland.

No explanation accompanied the re-issue of the six-months' old message, but it follows Molotov's criticism of President Roosevelt on Tuesday.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

The diplomatic correspondent of "The Times" says that British negotiations with the Japanese remain in suspense.

The Japanese Government is apparently waiting for the definite establishment of Wang Ching-wei's regime, in which to pin its hopes.

It does not, however, appear that the regime will materialise just yet, since the Japanese Army leaders are opposing Wang Ching-wei's desire to include Northern China in his realm.

He does not wish to be excluded from North China and he further demands financial independence which his patrons are loth to give him.

On the other side, the Chungking Government, though it seems to have exaggerated recent military successes, are unquestionably of good heart and full of fight, and the financial burden which the war lays upon Japan is heavier than ever.—Reuter.

A Chinese report this afternoon stated that two Chinese planes made reconnaissance flights over Shumchun yesterday. Japanese machine-guns attempted, unsuccessfully, to hit the machines.

Tokyo, To-day.

Japanese newspapers are friendly to Molotov's offer for rapprochement — provide the Soviets revise their Far East policy and break off relations with Chiang Kai-shek.

A trade agreement is possible providing Russia is "sincere." The "Kokumin Shimbun," the Army paper, favours closer ties with a Soviet-German-Italian axis on the grounds that when peace comes in Europe Japan will have ample reason to fear Britain and America.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

Russia's threat to Finland's independence has roused American opinion far more than any other event since the war began, says the Washington correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph."

The American public had steel-ed themselves to shocks. They remained calm when the Athenia was shocked, when Polish towns were bombed, they talked with possibility of Germany violating the neutrality of Holland, Belgium or Switzerland, but public opinion was not prepared for armed threats to Finland or Scandinavia.

There is no indication that U.S. would be ready to go to war on Finland's behalf, but action by Russia would be bitterly resented.—Reuter.

Tokyo, To-day.

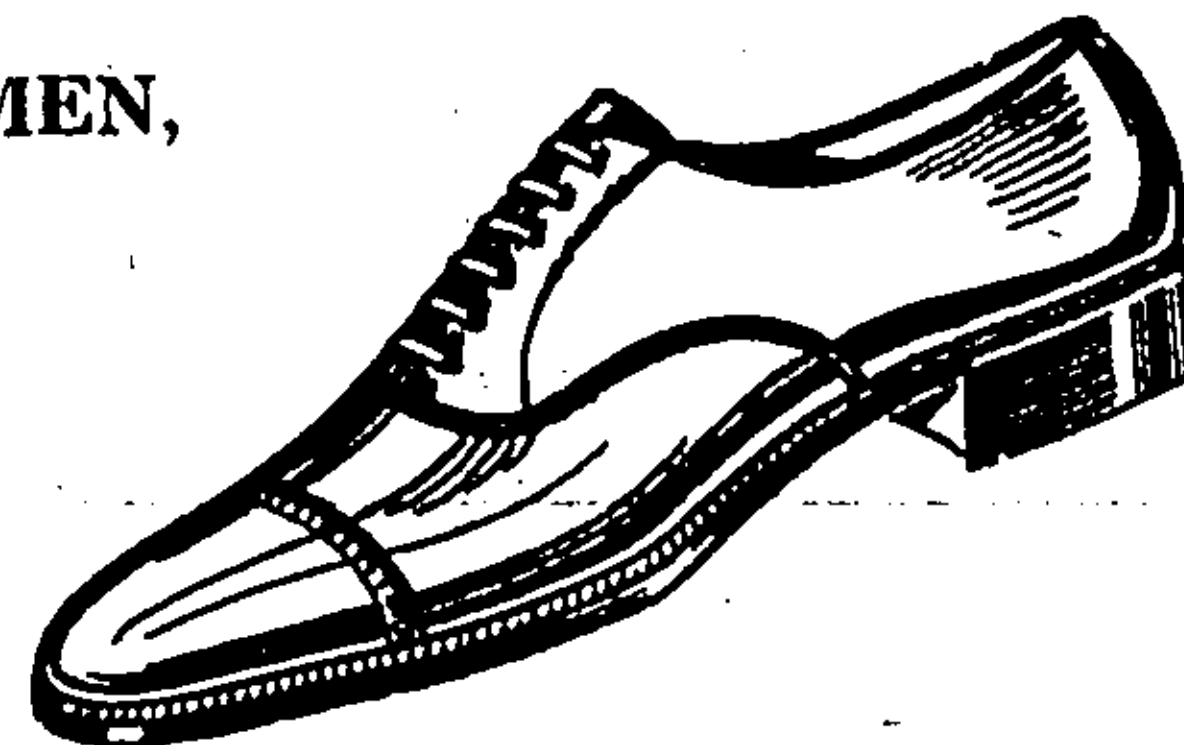
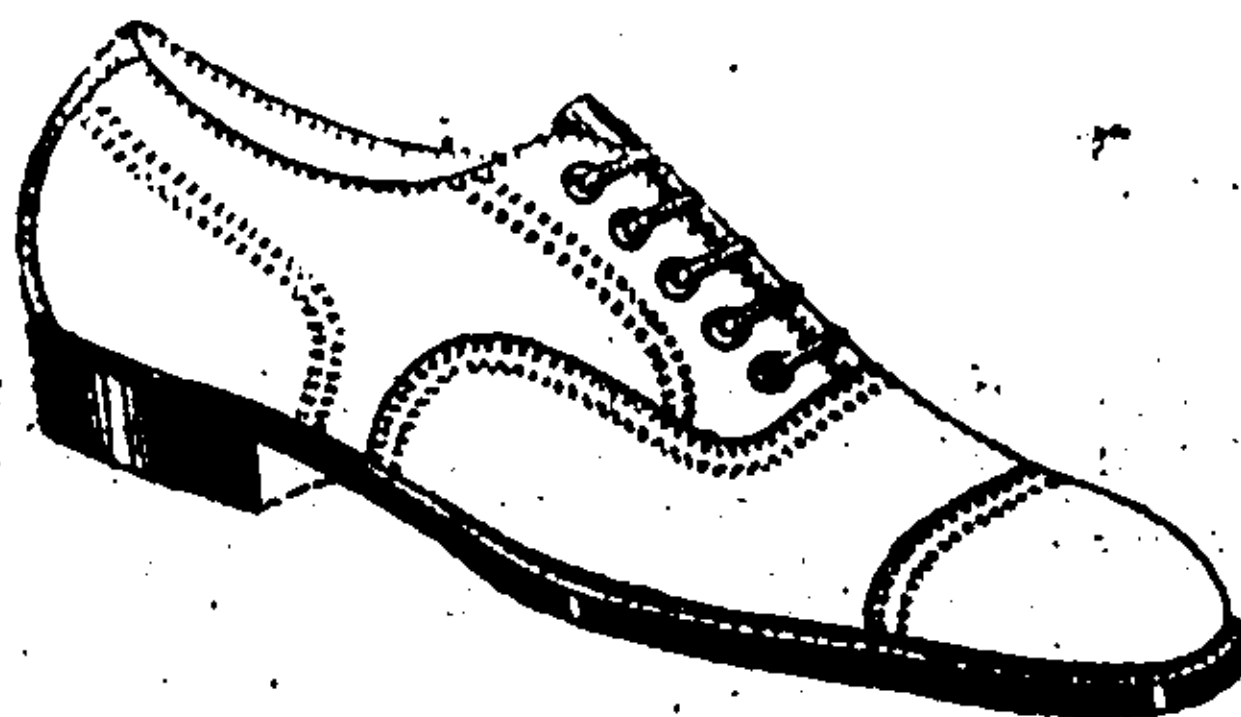
Because of the time required to obtain the Supreme Command's acceptance of the China Affairs Board's decision regarding the Central China regime and also for adjusting the extent of the Cabinet's recognition decision, the Government has decided to hold an extraordinary Cabinet session on Saturday to obtain the Cabinet's approval.

The Prime Minister will then go to the Palace to get the sanction of the Throne.—Reuter

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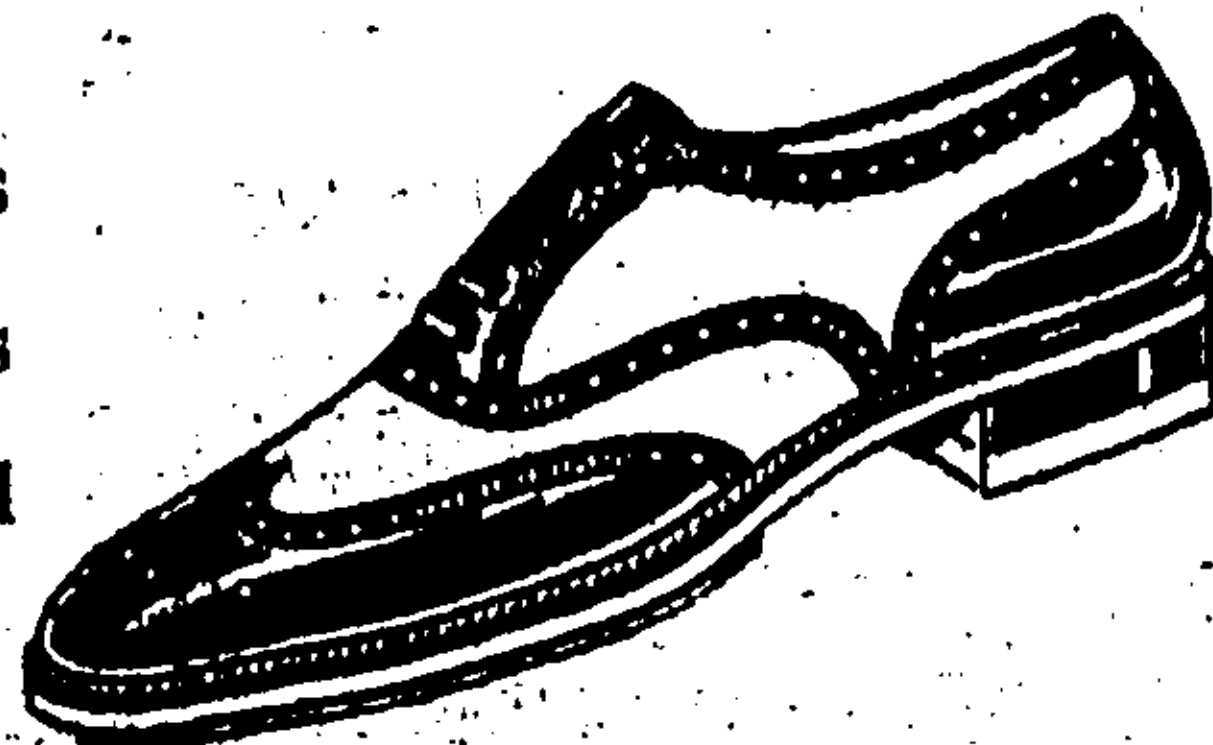


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